

# The Silver Lining

## A LIGHT FOR BELIEVERS

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### SUFFERING

Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle

To those who are acquainted with the New Testament, Gethsemane means suffering. Christ's suffering in the garden of Gethsemane was intense. His physical being struggled against His impending doom. He asked Himself the question, "Is it really necessary?" as indicated by His prayer, ". . . O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. Matthew 26:39.

All of us may sometime have

our own "Gethsemane experience," in spite of our best efforts to avoid it. We may wonder to ourselves, "Is this much suffering really necessary?"

In the case of the Lord Jesus Christ, it was necessary. The shedding of His precious blood was required for the cleansing of our hearts, souls, and spirits. It was no easy thing for Christ to be our substitute. He must have had the thought, "I suffer and I die. But my suffering and my death will bring life to others."

Here may be the key with which we can open the door to find our own consolation. We may suffer, we may die, but others will carry on. Surely, those who love us will remember our suffering and our good example in suffering. Henceforth, then, I will comfort myself with the thought that others will carry on. Hopefully, they will benefit by my suffering in the same way that we have benefited from Christ's Gethsemane and His subsequent atonement on our behalf.

### INVITATION TO LEXINGTON

Bro. Lester Huber

Christian Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus. May grace and peace be multiplied through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We extend a loving invitation to friends to come and consider strengthening the church fellowship and growth possibilities in the Lexington, Kentucky, church area. Humbly, may we present this as a Macedonian call. (Acts 16:9) It would be most appreciated to have support from as many as would be concerned for the church outreach and have their home elder and church support. The church has provided us a very comfortable place to assemble.

The Lexington area is one of the faster-growing areas. There are IBM, FMC Corporation, Square D, Rockwell Standard and many other industries. There are also many hospitals, institutions, and colleges, such as the University of Kentucky with the Medical Center and Hospital, Asbury College, Eastern Kentucky University, Eastern

State Hospital, and other local hospitals.

We most gratefully acknowledge the gracious support through the past, but our greatest needs are for more living examples of brothers and sisters to strengthen us and to share the witness of the depth and basic fundamentals of our faith as part of the Apostolic Christian Church. In addition to the many vocational opportunities, Kentucky is a physical example of God's beauty which you can share. Here you can have the faith that God will strengthen and further our precious fellowship with the other sheep Jesus spoke about. (John 10:16)

We have had many experiences, discouraging and encouraging. The most encouraging has been the faithful promise of our Lord that where two or three are gathered in His Name, He is with them.

Let us be encouraged with the words of Paul in I Corinthians

9:19-23, "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews, I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you."

Our love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

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### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Doug Kellenberger

The children have all started back to school. The summer went so fast and so much smoother this year. It was very well organized with time specifically structured for summer school three days a week, gardening and mowing when needed and recreational activities. There were volunteers with us throughout the entire summer, some young and some older, but all did a tremendous job in giving us a lift and accomplishing important tasks. Thank you one and all for volunteering your time, and some of your vacations, to help us. The place has really "shaped up" in the last few months.

We are readying ourselves for the coming Quilt Sale, the 20th of September. Please come and join us; it should be an enjoyable day.

We have been encouraged by the increasing number of people visiting us and the many positive feelings we are getting about the home. It really is true that the Lord upholds those who are His own and the work that is His. When He is in it, the fruit eventually shows.

### APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED

On Oct. 1, 1980, it will be nine years since the Home for the Handicapped began its operation. Any success can be credited to our Heavenly Father's blessings, carried out through the hands and hearts of many.

In retrospect, many events and thoughts come to mind. Uppermost is all the physical and financial help which we have received from many who stood by us during these intervening years. Prayerfully, we reiterate with the Psalmist. "Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good. . ." (Psalm 125:4) There is no way we can express our gratitude properly, but intercessory prayer gives a sense of peace because we can rely upon our Heavenly Father to measure the gratefulness in our hearts and convey through His Spirit the riches of blessings. We beseech your continued support.

How wonderful is the privilege of prayer! The Lord's prayer, Christ's example, indicates a changed method of prayer from the time of the Mosaic law. At

that time there was no social worship in the Jewish temple. The priest went alone into the holy place, while the people stood outside. But in the Christian church, the worship of God is for all the people; and in private prayer, the word "OUR" suggests that our prayer is not acceptable if we come in a selfish spirit. By the grace of God, through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we can address God as "FATHER." No longer is the temple priest needed as an intercessor on this earth. Jesus now fills that position as the perfect intercessor. "WHICH ART IN HEAVEN. . ." In thought, our desires and affections leave this earth and ascend fervently to the heavens. "HALLOWED BE THY NAME. . ." With our spirits closely aligned with that of our Heavenly Father's, we are to treat the name of a holy God with a holy love and reverence. "THY KINGDOM COME. . ." This is a petition that God's reign of righteousness, peace and joy may be set up in our hearts now and that One Day it may be extended to the world beyond. "THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" shows to us that God's laws have been devised to bring about the highest, ultimate good of all His creatures; and that in proportion as we obey this will is our true welfare promoted. When our will and the Father's are absolutely one, we shall know that all things work together for our good. "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. . ." If we hallow God's name, submit to his reign and seek to do His will, then we can with confidence ask Him for the blessings which our natural life requires for its support and welfare. God gives us that for which we ourselves have to toil; not arbitrarily, but by wise and beneficent law; not all at once, but day by day. "FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. . ." If we forgive others slowly, grudgingly, coldly, so shall we be treated. "AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION. . ." It is by temptation that we are tried and educated; yet we are justified in praying to our Father not to lead us into temptation so long as we leave to His loving will the means by which our faith is to be strengthened and our spiritual life purified and ennobled. We are not

to go willingly into temptation. Knowing God's power, we ask him to "DELIVER US FROM EVIL." That is in temptation, relying upon His promise that He will not suffer us to be tried above what we are able, but with every temptation will provide a way of escape. The doxology, "FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER" is an appropriate ending of the Lord's Prayer, giving us good grounds of encouragement to pray and at the same time ascribing all the praise to God. It is for His glory that all worship is carried on; therefore He will hear our prayers and will do for us exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

. . . excerpts paraphrased from Boardman's, The Model Prayer,

The season continues to be full of summer with its many varied activities, but very soon summer's mission will have been accomplished, and the fall season's glory will be ours to enjoy for a brief time.

Please remember to mark Nov. 14 on your calendars. Our annual Benefit Day will again be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as was stated in last month's Silver Lining. Another reminder will be forthcoming in next month's issue.

#### THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

When God measures the size of a man, he places the tape measure around his heart, not his head.

Not everyone can do great things; but everyone can do small things in a great way.

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**ALABAMA, ATHENS****Hazel Vibbert**

I am sorry to say that I have let a lot of people down, for it has been a few months since I have written for the Silver Lining. I will try my best to do better.

We have had five dear souls saved. They are: Donna Norman (she is the daughter of Bro. Cecil and Sis. Lucy), Jeff Moore (he is the son of Bro. Levoy and Sis. Doris), Janice Hall (her parents are Bro. J. R. and Sis. Louise), Dorothy Barnett (her husband is Mickie and she has two children), and Terry Vibbert. Terry gave his testimony on Aug. 9 and was baptized on Aug. 10. He is the son of Charles and Sis. Hazel. He is in the Navy and is now stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois.

We had a week of meetings and had a number of visitors, some of whom were Elder Brothers Edwin Hohulin from Goodfield and David Bertsch from Leo, Bro. Marshall Heinold, minister from Washington, IL, Bro. and Sis. Ted Witzig, and Sis. Clara Heiniger. Sis. Clara spent the week with Bro. Levoy and did a lot of visiting. She even made it up to see the Bro. George Kelly family. I'm sure there were more visitors. We welcome anyone to stop and see us.

**ARIZONA, PHOENIX****Julie Hoerr**

On July 29, little Steven Joseph arrived, making Bro. John and Sis. Jeanne Dotterer our newest parents. Little Jill and Mark and the grandparents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Lairna Dotterer and Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Schick of Washington, IL, are all happy to welcome Steven. Sis. Carolyn Dotterer got to meet her new nephew before returning to Illinois.

Aug. 17 was the wedding day of ministering Bro. Clarence Yackley. He was married to Sis. Linda Schmidgall Messner in Winthrop, MN. We welcome Sis. Linda into our midst.

Hospital patients were Bro. Jeff Rokey and Sis. Jean Getz (surgery).

Bro. Dick and Sis. Marie Beery were called to Ohio, as her sister Yvonne's husband, Edward Beery, passed away. We extend our sympathy to both families.

This summer has not been as hot as last summer, but the humid-

ity has been higher. We are grateful for the continuous flow of summer visitors.

"So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.

**CALIFORNIA, ALTADENA****Shirley Witzig**

Our small congregation has been blessed with visitors in past months and we thank those who have shared their time and fellowship with us. We thank God that this was possible. May He bless each one.

Ministering Bros. Bill Dotterer, Phoenix, AZ, and Ernest Graf, Akron, OH, shared the Word with us. It is such a blessing that our brothers can be free to travel and minister openly to one congregation or another without fear of our government's interference or restrictions.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Ps. 116:15)

Our dear Sis. Mabelle Graf passed from this life on Aug. 4. She had been an invalid for months. She leaves her sons, Clarence, Jr., Virgil and Dale, and daughters, Marilyn Wagenbach, Doris Kaisner, Lucy Griffith and Judith Crockett. She also leaves eleven grandchildren. What a blessing when a child of God, after long illness, can go to rest.

The family of Mabelle Graf extends their thanks to all for their cards, gifts and love given to them at this time.

The time came to say farewell to dear Sis. Kathy Klotzle. She is now in Japan as a teacher. She will also be privileged to enjoy the blessed fellowship there, and we wish her God's rich blessings, nearness and protection until we meet again, if it be His will. Though her going to Japan is our loss, we can still be joined in heart.

Sis. Doris Hecker is now at Singing Springs Convalescent Home. Her address is 12072 Trask Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92643.

**FLORIDA, FT. LAUDERDALE****John and Caroline Hejja**

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Pet. 4.

What are some of these great and precious promises?

**Companionship**

". . . for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

**Daily Needs**

"Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Where-withal shall we be clothed?" "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Mat. 6:31,33.

**Strength to Resist Temptation**

". . . But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." I Cor. 10:13.

**Wisdom**

". . . If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Jas. 1:5.

**Answer to Prayer**

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

**Eternal Life**

"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." I John 2:25.

The Ft. Lauderdale congregation appreciated visits from the following visiting ministers: Elder Bro. Wendall Gudeman, Francesville, IN; Bro. Doug Sabo, Sarasota, FL; and Bro. Al Schneider, Rockville, CT.

Bro. George Fulop was hospitalized for a week with a kidney stone. An attempt made to remove it was unsuccessful. Bro. George is now at home, and doctors are hoping that surgery will be unnecessary. Our prayers are with him.

**FLORIDA, SARASOTA****Elda Martin**

During our summer months, we received many blessings from the fellowship of all our visitors. We sincerely thank the families who made an effort to assemble with us. It certainly was an asset to our Sunday School.

Sisters Vi Leman and Elizabeth Knapp and Bro. Elmer Jacobs are again back with us after recovering from their illnesses. They

wish to express their thanks for the deeds of kindness shown to them while recovering.

Mike Krect is back in Sunday School after a mishap while mowing the lawn. He spent many weeks in the hospital, and we are thankful to see his smiling face again.

### HAWAII, HONOLULU

#### Michael and Janet Campbell

The lonely hours seem to pass slowly here in Hawaii, and we often feel forsaken of the Spirit. But we realize that it is for the strengthening of the soul to wait upon the Lord. Through experiencing this, we found that God has not forsaken us.

Sunday, July 13, Sis. Kathryn and Sis. Laura Massner from the Oakville, IA, congregation came to visit us. We had breakfast together and enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship.

On Saturday, July 26, we met Bro. Eugene and Sis. Elsa Christ from the Princeville congregation at their hotel. We had lunch together, and after shopping awhile, we returned to their hotel for a time of fellowship.

Truly, it has been a wonderful blessing to have these dear ones in our presence. If you are planning a trip to the Islands, please be sure to pay us a visit. We also appreciate your cards and letters. Our address is 3324-D Orlando Place, Honolulu, Hawaii, and our telephone number is (808) 422-1041.

### ILLINOIS

#### BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL

##### Dixie Knapp - Jean O'Shea

We are pleased to report that our little church is growing . . . slowly, but surely. During the month of August, several families established homes in our area. We extend a warm and loving welcome to Bro. Erik and Sis. Cindy Langhofer, their two-year-old daughter, Carmen, and their brand new son, Kory Alan, who was born here on Aug. 17. The grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Judy Langhofer of Wichita, KS, and Bro. Wayne and Sis. Carol Huber of Francesville, IN. We also welcome Bro. Kirk and Sis. Mary Leigh Nussbaum, as they are establishing their home after being married Aug. 17 in Tucson, AZ. Also, Bro. Howard and Sis. Eileen Maurer and their three sons moved to Bloomington from Fairbury. We

wish all of these couples God's blessings in their new homes.

A Home is such a lovely place,  
Though it be new or worn;  
A home is but a place to share,  
A place where love is born.

A home is where we yearn to be  
When things go wrong in life,  
When sunny skies are veiled by  
clouds  
of human trials and strife.

A home is heaven to a child,  
Regardless of its worth;  
It may be neatly trimmed with  
hedge,  
Or simply framed in earth.

A home is where a man can rest  
From pressures of his day,  
A place where mankind thrives on  
faith  
And flings unrest away.

A home is tenderness defined,  
From which our troubles flee.  
A home is home, when built on  
love,  
Sweet peace, and harmony.

Gloria A. Martin

### ILLINOIS, BRADFORD

#### Evelyn Endress

The lives of Bro. Dan and Sis. Sandy Guingrich have been touched with a new kind of joy, as they now have a baby boy in their family. Bryce Keegan was born on Aug. 5. He is also welcomed by his grandparents, Bro. John and Sis. Dolly Schick (Washington) and Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich.

We are pleased that Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill (Ehnle) Stoller and their children have been led to relocate in our area. They formerly attended the Forrest church. We welcome them to our congregation.

We could feel the love of God when ministering Bro. Jerry Kuntz (Oakville) spent a day with us, recently. We pray that the Lord will bless him for his labors.

Mary Ann Kieser (daughter of Bro. Jerry and Sis. Wilma), Sis. Audrey Ehnle, and Bro. David Kieser were surgical patients. We hope they will soon be able to assemble with us again.

### ILLINOIS

#### CHAMPAIGN - URBANA

##### Charlen Banwart

Sis. Anne Walder, who has made her home here for the past seven

years, has moved to Tucson, AZ, where she will pursue her master's degree in nursing. "God be with you till we meet again. By His counsels guide, uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again." (Gospel Hymns No. 340)

Bro. Merle Kaisner (Fairbury) brought God's Word to us, recently. We appreciated his presence, as well as the presence of other visitors from Forrest and Fairbury, at our annual Sunday School picnic. Showers of rain forced us to move the afternoon activities and potluck meal indoors. However, we tried to be cheerful about this change of plans since the rain was badly needed.

### ILLINOIS, CISSNA PARK

#### Mary Anderson - Melba Funk

We are always glad to have visiting ministers come to share God's Word with us. We are grateful to those who have provided for us this past month, namely: Elder Bro. Edwin Ringger, Gridley, and Bros. Byron Stoller, Gridley, Morris Frank, Leo, Todd Feller, La-Crosse, David Wiegand, Urbana, and Everett Hari, Bloomington.

God's blessings and our best wishes are extended to two couples who have been united in marriage recently. Brent Danforth and Judy Bauer were married Aug. 9. Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Danforth, and Judy is the daughter of Sis. Grace and the late Earl Bauer. Sis. Betty Bauer became the bride of Bro. Tim Kaupp on Aug. 17. Sis. Betty is the daughter of Bro. George and Sis. Isabel and Bro. Tim is the son of Bro. Harold and Sis. Wava of Gridley.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burge are parents of Barry Lee who was born on July 17. The grandparents are Amos and Sis. Esther Steiner and Mr. and Mrs. Hale Burge.

A number of folks from our congregation have been hospitalized, but we are happy to report that all are home again. Those who were patients were: Bro. Elmer Hari and Sisters Nettie Clauss, Lillian Feller, Emily Eisenman and Sophia Funk. Jim Waldbeser, son of Bro. John and Sis. Carol, is a hospital patient, having had surgery.

Bro. Kenneth Weerts has been appointed director of the Apostolic Christian Publications at Eureka and will also serve on the Vacation Bible School curriculum com-

mittee. Bro. Kenneth replaces Bro. Stephen Rinkenberger on the Rules and Regulations committee of Fairview Haven which is an advisory group for the board of directors.

### ILLINOIS, CONGERVILLE

#### Mardell Ott - Pat Rinkenberger

It seems like slowly, but surely, souls keep turning to the Lord as the end is drawing nearer and nearer. Lisa Knapp (Bro. Fredrick and Sis. Marge Knapp) has found the need to repent and start a new life. We pray she may establish a firm foundation and grow in the Spirit.

Ken and Jane (Steffen) Studebaker just had their second child, Rebecca Lynn. She has one brother, Benjamin, at home. The grandparents are Bro. Ed and Sis. Mary Steffen.

Our Bro. Kenny Miller has been a hospital patient for a few days and is now at home. We wish him health again.

Bro. Dan Sauder passed away Aug. 12. His wife, Matilda (Tillie), is still living at the Eureka Home. We extend deepest sympathy to her and her two daughters, Wilma Sauder and Lois Steffen (Duane) of Congerville, and all other family members. It is sad to see a strong pillar of the church pass on, and yet we rejoice that another soul can be with the Lord.

We now have two new sisters in faith. They are Beth Steffen (Kent), daughter of John and Sis. Marilyn Wagonbach of Oakville, and Janet Knapp, daughter of Bro. Willis and Sis. Bernice Knapp. Elder Bro. Ed Lanz (Oakville, IA) spent the weekend with us, and it was truly a blessed one. It was uplifting to all of us to witness the sincerity and humility of souls experiencing their first love.

Bro. Walt and Sis. Erma Miller wish to thank everyone for their kind deeds and thoughtfulness while they were hospitalized and convalescing.

I heard of a saying once; though simple, yet it is comforting: "When it gets dark, the stars come out."

### ILLINOIS, ELGIN

#### Ruth Ann Getz

It is with a very prayerful heart and a deep yearning for the church to remain a body of believers with a simple faith in Christ the risen

Lord, tenaciously embracing the holy truths of the Bible, that I mention a number of our brethren are presently attending the annual Brotherhood Conference. One of our ministering brothers so aptly explained sometime ago, "The more closely we walk with the Lord (with our eye upon Him), the more we are illuminated by His light, thus becoming more like Him. And in contrast, if we turn our backs on the Lord and are walking away from Him, we are almost immediately in darkness." We must remain children of the light if the church is to survive.

Very belatedly, we would like to report that a dear little daughter, Emily Dawn, was born May 24 to Bro. Edward and Sis. Gayle Schambach, Jr. Little Jeremy completes this family unit. Olive Lamp and Bro. Edward and Sis. Jenny Schambach are the grandparents.

Ramona Marie is the new little daughter of Jack and Gloria Kellenberger. She was born Aug. 8 and is this young couple's first child. Bill and Sue Kellenberger and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Seinz are the grandparents.

Bro. Adrian Kellenberger met with a freakish accident while at work. Several sheets of sheet metal fell as he was drilling them. His right ear was almost totally severed. Just as the Lord healed the ear of the servant of the high priest, so has the Lord guided the hand of the surgeon in restoring Adrian's ear. We feel especially thankful because the doctor said that this was his first successful ear replantation.

Bro. Joe Schmidgall fell in his home and fractured his hip. He is recuperating in a local nursing home following a hip pinning. We wish to remember both Joe and Sis. Anna in our prayers so that the Lord will watch over them, keeping them both in body and soul.

Bro. Henry Kellenberger has had cataract surgery, and we are happy to report that he is recuperating nicely. Also hospitalized were Heidi Schock (daughter of Bro. Norman and Sis. Genny) for removal of a ganglion on her toe, Harvey Schurter for kidney stones, and Ed Lohbauer. It is truly humbling and fills our hearts with gratitude when the Lord still looks down in pity on mankind and

heals their infirmities.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bro. William and Sis. Marge Wewetzer in the passing away of her brother, David McNutt, who lived in the Detroit area. Sympathy is also extended to Bro. William and Sis. Sandy Kinsinger in the death of her uncle, Elza Jones from Marion, IL.

Bro. Ben Knobloch will soon be leaving our congregation to move to Oakville, IA, making that his new home with his new wife, Sis. Phyllis. Lisa, his daughter, has already moved to live with her new mother so that she might start school there this fall. Certainly, we wish them God's speed, and may He keep us all 'til we meet again.

### ILLINOIS, EUREKA

#### Melba Mangold

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Charles and Sis. Alice Marti of Lamar, MO, on Sunday, July 27. We thank Bro. Charles for ministering to us.

We will miss Sis. Rebecca Knapp, daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Jean, who has felt led by the Lord to move to Phoenix to seek employment. We know that if we put our trust in God, He will provide for us wherever we go.

Steve and Audrey Locke were blessed with another little son, Shane Jeffrey, born Aug. 1. A little brother, Shannon, completes the family. The grandparents are Bro. Richard and Sis. Marge Locke and Kaywin and Kay Hodel, all of Eureka.

We sympathize with Sis. Tillie Sauder whose husband, Bro. Dan, was relieved of his suffering on Aug. 12. They have been living at the Home for some time. His funeral services were held at Congerville, their former home.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Two more dear young souls were recently welcomed into the family of God. They are Sisters Janet Wiegand and Lisa Leman who were baptized on Sunday, Aug. 17. We trust that God will lead them in ways of truth and light. Their parents are Bro. Bob and Sis. Helen Wiegand and Bro. Roy and Sis. Wanda Leman.

With us that day were ministering Bro. Ed Knecht, Portland,

Irvin Knecht, Lamar, Willis Wie-gand, Goodfield, and Bill Hodel, Roanoke. Many good teachings were brought forth by the brothers, for which we thank them.

### ILLINOIS, FAIRBURY

Joyce Huber  
Katharine Fehr

I wish to thank everyone for their love and understanding while I was reporting news from Fairbury, as I am resigning this month because of my marriage to Bro. Paul Gasser. I'll be living in Ohio. My sister, Sis. Katherine Fehr, has been helping me. Sis. Carol Bazzell and Sis. Joann Zehr will be the new reporters. Ed. note: We again thank Sis. Joyce for her many years of faithful service.

Sis. Joyce Huber and Bro. Paul Gasser were united in holy matrimony. Sis. Joyce is the daughter of Bro. Edw. and the late Sis. Lydia Huber. Bro. Paul is from Akron and is the son of Bro. Arthur and Sis. Bertha Gasser of Rittman. Believing God has brought their lives together in love, we trust the Lord will add His blessings to this endeavor.

We rejoice that Alph Maurer has asked the Lord Jesus for His grace for his eternal salvation.

Emma Meister gave her testimony of her saving faith in the Lord and was added to the fold of Christ Jesus.

Marion Meiss and Barbara Abbott were married Saturday, July 19, and a reception was held at the Fellowship Hall. Marion is the son of Bro. Eli and Sis. Della Meiss. The newlywed couple will be making their home at rural Fairbury, as Marion is engaged in farming. We wish, for them, the Lord's blessings.

We praise the Lord for the testimonies of salvation given by La-Rae Zehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Warren Zehr, and Ann Huber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jesse Huber. Bro. Perry Zimmerman assisted in the baptisms.

Bro. Lloyd Moser had good results from out-patient throat surgery. Bro. Ben Steffen and Bro. Ben Zehr had cataracts removed. Sis. Miriam Feldman, Sis. Lena Clauss and Sis. Barbara Schaffer were hospitalized. Bro. Richard Huber fell from a ladder and was hospitalized from a badly broken ankle.

Bro. Nick Kaeb went on the

Apostolic Christian Heritage tour to Europe and returned after a blessed and safe trip.

Urban and Olie Steidinger observed their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 3. May the Lord give them more years together with happiness and health.

Visiting ministers have been: Bro. Kenneth Weertz, Bro. Dan Koch, Bro. Marshall Heinold, Bro. Duane Metzger, Bro. Jim Ramseyer, Bro. Sam Schlatter, Bro. Eugene Pamer, Bro. Marvin Steiglitz, Bro. Henry Dotterer and Bro. Ben Hartzler.

Bro. Walter Moser wishes to thank all who remembered him with gifts, cards, and kindness while in the hospital and after returning home.

### ILLINOIS, FORREST

Jan Bachtold - Kathy Leman

We have been richly blessed by the visits of brethren who have willingly brought forth the Word of Life. We wish to thank Bros. Roy Wernli (Lamont, KS), Vernon Wettstein (Congerville), and Earl Kilgus (Remington, IN) for their labors of love.

Hospital patients have been Sis. Nettie Kupferschmid (Bro. Bill), Sis. Miriam Metz (Bro. Ben), Quinn Freehill (Sis. Janice), and Chad, Corbin and Daton Kupferschmid (Bro. Alf and Sis. Wanda). They have all been dismissed, for which we are thankful. Our prayers ascend for Bro. Alvie Kilgus who is a patient at this time and Bro. Bill Kupferschmid who remains a patient after having a partial leg amputation. We also don't want to forget our Bro. Oscar Schneider (Sis. Kathryn) who is now at the Americana Health Care Center in Urbana.

July 27 was the wedding day of Sis. Elaine Nussbaum (Bro. Dean and Sis. Betty) and Bro. Lynn Stoller (Sis. Lucille) of Gridley. Sharing in their joy and the blessings of the day were Bros. Edwin Ringger, Elmer Witzig, and Byron Stoller of Gridley and Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield. May God add His blessings to this union of hearts. They are making their home in Normal.

Two homes have recently been blessed with bundles from heaven. Little Adam James was born to Rod and Mickey Zimmerman. He has two brothers to welcome him home, Cory and Jeremy. The

grandparents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Mildred Zimmerman. Born to Tom and Barb Rieger was a sweet little girl, Karen Marie. Her sisters and brother are Tonya, Teresa, and Jeremy, and her grandparents are Bro. Rich and Sis. Marian Rieger.

We bid farewell to Bro. Greg and Sis. Jill Stoller and children, Sheila, Sara, Michael, and Benjamin as they move to make their home in Bradford, due to a change in employment. We wish them God's blessings and guidance and feel that our loss is Bradford's gain.

We wish to extend our best wishes to Rita Leman (Bro. Harvey and Sis. Leona) and Marvin Wenger (Bro. Albert and Sis. Nathalia) as they have announced their engagement and are making plans for a November wedding.

### ILLINOIS, GOODFIELD

Verna Hartter

When I behold Thy strength and  
mighty power,  
Thou, God and Ruler of the hosts  
of light,  
The moon and stars and all Thy  
works so wondrous  
Proclaim Thy glory and Thy  
sovereign might!  
How wonderful, O Lord, is Thy  
creation!  
We worship Thee in holy  
admiration.

(Zion's Harp, 118)

The strength and mighty power of our God is so very prevelant. After a very dry and warm summer, we are getting an abundance of rain. We can behold that the earth is the Lord's, and His works do abound!

Bruce and Sis. Charlene Hohulin are the parents of a new little girl. Elizabeth Gene was born July 16, and her sisters are Holly, Gretchen and Anna. The Robert Van Natans of Pekin and Bro. and Sis. Lawrence and Laura Hohulin are the happy grandparents.

Dale Wyss (Bro. Roy) and Sue Snellenberger of Eureka were married on Aug. 9. We pray that God will bless them in their life together.

We thank Bro. Kent Heimer, Taylor, and Fred Knapp, Congerville, for the messages brought to us this past month.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Chris and Sis. Vi

Hohulin in the loss of their grandson, Keith Baurer, Cissna Park, who was killed in an auto accident. Also our sympathy goes to Mary Alice and Don Tanner in the recent death of her mother, Nanne Huff, of Peoria.

### ILLINOIS, GRIDLEY Carol Klopfenstein

"Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119:165.

If we truly love the commandments and words of the Lord, He'll give us a peace that Satan cannot disturb. Such a love for God's ways means it is a joy to be obedient and humble. We don't follow His ways with a grudging or resentful attitude, but with a true desire for righteousness. We are glad to turn our back on the world and be a separate people. We rejoice every time God gives us the grace to resist temptation and enables us to be an overcomer. The people of the world who are yet in their sins cannot understand how we can find joy and contentment in denying ourselves and walking after the Spirit and not after the flesh. To them it would be a burdensome, undesirable hardship to make such sacrifices in denying themselves worldly pleasure and carnal pastimes. For us it is a privilege. When the love of God fills our heart, we love the things that God loves and hate the things that God hates. Such a love draws us close to the Father Heart and His peace then rules. When this wonderful peace is in control, no evil can unduly trouble us or unsettle us in our faith. When we fervently love His law, nothing can "offend" us and disturb that inner peace.

John and Susan Stella are the happy parents of Abby Marie who was born July 23. She has a brother, Scott, and a sister, Heather. Bro. Sid and Sis. Helen Leman of Forrest and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stella of Danbury, CT, are Abby's grandparents.

Robert Lynn is the precious new son of Bro. Richard and Sis. Kathy Schlipf. He was born July 31. Robert's grandparents are Bro. Jesse and Sis. Shirley Beer of Milford, IN, and Carl and Lola Schlipf of Gridley.

Bro. Lynn Stoller of Gridley

married Sis. Elaine Nussbaum of Forrest on July 27. Ralph Kuntz of Gridley married Marjorie Lindenbaum of Forrest on Aug. 2. Bro. Tim Kaupp of Gridley married Sis. Betty Bauer of Cissna Park on Aug. 17.

Our hospital patients were Trent Kaupp, son of Bro. Harld and Sis. Wava, Bro. Joe Rinkenberger and Sis. Lillian Witzig.

We welcome Bro. Dave and Sis. Judy Knobloch along with their children, Eric, Shelley, Casey and Jacob who have recently moved to Gridley from Bradford. We appreciate the strength we gain as we find the same love and common faith among the brethren in our churches nationwide. Even though there may be many miles between us, we can still be joined in heart and spirit and serve the Lord with one accord. This is a special attribute of our brotherhood that our forefathers worked with untiring diligence to preserve. Often the early elders in America would travel by foot over many miles to visit the various churches and strengthen the brethren. Bro. Benedict Weyenth, who was the first elder in America, would farm all summer and then leave his wife and children in the winter to visit congregations.

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Sandy Gramm

God has been good to us by providing us with brothers who are willing to stand and proclaim His Word. We would like to thank Bros. Byron Stoller (Gridley), Ken Hoerr (Peoria), Joe Schrock (Congerville), Don Sauder (Roanoke), and Bob Grimm (Goodfield) for lending themselves to fulfill God's work. As many of us will soon be back in school again, we wonder what lies ahead of us. It is comforting to have the wonderful promise found in Matthew 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself."

### ILLINOIS, MORTON

Joann Roecker - Phyllis Farney

Funeral services were held for Henry Merchenthaler at Ludwig Mortuary on July 26. May the Lord richly comfort and bless his family and friends.

We wish to extend sympathy to Sis. Elsa (Karl) Schuon and Mrs.

Lydia Schoenbein upon the passing of their father, Rudolf Weigelmann. May God bless and comfort the family and friends. The family wishes to thank all those who were so kind at their father's passing. May God bless each one.

The Lord has called home Sis. Friede Schambach. Her funeral was on Aug. 6. May our Heavenly Father comfort and bless her family and friends.

We rejoice with Bro. Mark and Sis. Marcia Rapp as they became parents for the first time. Their son, Marcus Eric, was born on Aug. 12. The happy grandparents are Bro. Duane and Sis. Doreen Elsasser, Bradford, IL, and Bro. Elton and Sis. Helen Rapp, Tremont, IL.

Sunday, Aug. 17, we welcomed our "boat-people" family from Saigon, Viet Nam. Our new family arrived Aug. 12 and attended church services Aug. 17, giving everyone an opportunity to say hello and meet them. Mr. and Mrs. Tot Van Tram are the parents of five children, the oldest being eight years old. This family truly has a story that touches the hearts of many. After being at sea six days with no food or water, their boat became disabled. The fifteen foot boat, with its twenty-six souls, was finally towed to safe waters. When they reached shore, the little ones laid on the "safe shore" exhausted and hungry. This family endured much to attain their freedom.

Receiving this family into our midst stirs many an inward thought. We shall continue to hold this family in our prayers as they begin their new lives in America. May God bless the Van Tran family and all who have labored to make their arrival a success. If anyone would care to make contact or know of anyone who has another family that would care to correspond, here is their address:

Mr. and Mrs. Tot Van Tram  
123 West Adams Street  
Morton, Illinois 61550

Our prayers are with our beloved elder brothers and ministering brothers as they meet at the Brotherhood Conference in Eureka, IL, on Aug. 20-22. May God's will be done so that our most precious faith will be strengthened.

We are thankful that we have only two souls who have recently spent time in the hospital. They are

Bro. Fred C. Hermann and Sis. Alma Glaser. May God be with them and all our shut-ins who can not go in and out as you and I.

### ILLINOIS, PEORIA

Mary Plattner - -Mary Ann Plattner

There are loved ones in the glory  
Whose dear forms you often miss,  
When you close your earthly story,  
Will you join them in their bliss;  
Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by, by and by,  
In a better home awaiting  
In the sky, in the sky.

Hymns of Zion, 222

The funeral of Sis. Maggie Cool was held July 16. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

On July 29, Sis. Kathyrn Lubitz was laid to rest. We wish to extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

"Who can find a virtuous woman;  
for her price is far above rubies."  
Prov. 31:10.

Our dear Sis. Gertrude Hodel was laid to rest Aug. 4. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to her husband, Bro. Sam Hodel, and their children, Bro. Irvin Hodel, Rich Hodel, Bro. Marvin Hodel, Sis. Jeanette Hoerr, Sis. Ethel Waible, Sis. Edie Plattner, Sis. Barbara Schafer, Sis. Roma Rumbold, Rhoda Hess, Rosemary Stock and Sis. Dorothy Meister.

Ministering brothers among us this month were Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern, KS, and Bro. Gerald Kuntz of Oakville, IA. We want to thank them for bringing us the teachings of His holy Word.

On July 26, a dear little soul was born to Bro. Carl, Jr., and Sis. Debby Hoerr. Her name is Cassandra Sue, and she is welcomed home by her brother, Ryan. Her grandparents are Bro. Carl and Sis. Evelyn Hoerr and Bill and Sis. Joyce Waibel.

Shannon Renee was born on July 23 to Ron and Barb Schwindenman. Her grandparents are Norm and Sis. Emma Rocke and Bob and Marge Schwindenman.

Among the hospital patients this month were Michelle Coburn, Sis. Marie Meister, Sis. Corda Leman, Sis. Lois Elsasser, Bro. Toby Schneider, Bro. Jack Koehl, Bro. Jim David, and Larry Reinbeck.

We pray that the Lord will restore each one to good health according to His will.

Sis. Marilyn Bauer wishes to have her thanks and appreciation extended to all who thought of her during her stay in the hospital.

The family of Sis. Helen Hunziker wishes to extend a special thank you to those who sent flowers, cards, food, and their prayers during the loss of their dear mother. May God truly bless each one for their deeds of kindness and for showing their love.

### ILLINOIS, CHICAGO

Kathy Schlatter

How many mornings do we awake and ask ourselves, "For whom am I to sacrifice myself in this day, in order to perform the Lord's work?" (From a sermon exhortation.)

Elder Bro. Willis Ehle from Shioda, Japan, and Bro. Charles Marti, Lamar, MO, were our August visitors. We are most thankful for their visits, for their ministering to our spiritual needs. We have had other visitors, even a Bible class, who have fellowshiped with us while vacationing in our city. We thank them all and pray that the Lord might allow them to return again and again.

Dear Ross, son of Bro. Lenny and Sis. Carlotta Meyer, has taken to heart Ecclesiastics 12:1: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of the youth." The Lord who brought him to the knowledge of his accountability has cleansed him from all sin. Ring the bells of heaven! (Tabernacle hymn 202) We rejoice today for the Lord has performed yet another miracle.

The paths of the Lord are difficult to imagine and to accept sometimes, but we know in Whom we believe, that He is righteous and perfect and leads our lives aright. Because of this we can more cheerfully say farewell to Bro. Dick and Sis. Jan Gudeman, Suzanne, Julie, and Myra. Bro. Dick and Sis. Jan both repented during their years in Chicago, and the Lord has been good to us that we were able to worship and fellowship these years together. But we will miss Bro. Dick as trustee and song leader and Sis. Jan on the dinner committee. Even more will we miss their special spiritual conversation. As they move to Bloomington, IL, we wish them

Godspeed and remind them that we in Chicago hope to see them often.

We are delighted that Bro. Gary and Sis. Nancy Knepp, Keith and Doug, are joining our congregation for awhile. Bro. Gary will be attending the School of Osteopathic Medicine. We are eager to become better acquainted with them, in the Lord.

In Sunday School, the children look forward to "changing classes" with such enthusiasm. They will be meeting some new teachers. Bro. Merle Hodel, Bro. Randy Kellenberger, and Sis. Jeanne Plattner are new teachers. We welcome them, anticipating the Lord's use of their God-given talents. We wish to thank out-going Bro. Glen Pfeifer for his eight-plus years in Sunday School. His efforts are much appreciated by the students, their parents, and other Sunday School teachers. We wish him the Lord's rewards.

As my daughter bounds off to catch the bus to kindergarten, keenly awake to the challenge of each exciting day, I feel my own much more inadequate response to my work. Yet we are taught "... whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord..." Col. 3:23.

Have you ever noticed how wallpaper can change a room? It covers the dirt, the imperfections. It was originally chosen to make the best of the specific room involved. But it takes time to smooth the wall-covering, to work the bubbles out, to trim the edges for a perfect fit, to match the design. When at last the room is wallpapered, no one remembers the time involved nor the cost, but marvels instead at the transformation. Christ's blood covered our sins at a terrible cost. And we must allow the Spirit to have its perfect work in our lives. Then, miracle of miracles, transformed by His power, sustained by His grace, we may see Heaven. But first we must allow ourselves to be transformed.

Perhaps we are given adversity to make us learn over again an appreciation of our blessings, to make us realize the fact that of ourselves we deserve nothing. I who know very little about adversity find for myself that when more difficult events hit close to home, I am more apt to count my blessings. When I only have to deal with a fifty-cent finance



charge and the cricket population, while all else goes smoothly, I may complain bitterly. I'm afraid that's because when all goes too well, I tend to expect blessings (every little thing) as my due. Lord, forgive me. Help me to cling more closely.

We were told in an exhortation that at Harvard University mediocrity has become the rage. A "C" grade is considered "in." An "A" or "B" student or one who even strives so hard for excellencies is scorned. Let we who wish to enter into heaven in eternity strive for the "A." We may not attain that perfection. But we probably will get at least a "C." Should we be satisfied with mediocrity, we may slip to a "D," and some will fail. And life is a "course" in which we have only one chance. The Lord desires excellence; may He grant us grace. Loved ones, we dare not tread the line of mediocrity, so close to possible failure.

#### ILLINOIS, PRINCEVILLE

**Arlene and Arlys Martin**

Recently I heard that many are willing to do great things for the Lord, but few are willing to do little things. We need to encourage one another to be faithful in "small and unimportant matters." Visiting ministers who told us about faith have been Bros. Roy Ehnle of Bradford; Kenneth Dietz of Bradford; Gary Maibach of Rittman, OH; Nathan Stoller of Bradford; and Joe Braker of Morton.

We were thrilled on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9 and 10, when we heard the testimonies and witnessed the baptisms of Dennis Aupperle and Alan Streitmatter. The parents of these new brothers are Eli and Greta Aupperle of Fairbury and Bro. Alf and Sis. Ginny Streitmatter of Princeville.

We express our sympathy to Sis. Mabel Schafer and Russell and Sis. Roma Rumbold. Sis. Mabel's sister, Sis. Magdalene Cool of Peoria, passed away on July 14. Sis. Roma's mother, Sis. Gertrude Hodel of Peoria, passed away on Aug. 1.

Two from our congregation have met with accidents. Brian Wieland, son of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Wieland, has a cast on his right arm. He broke his arm on Aug. 4 and was in the hospital until Aug. 7. Sis. Dorothy Kieser was in-

involved in a car accident on Aug. 9. She received injuries on her knees and also spent time in the hospital.

Jay Grimm and Kathy Ladd recently announced their engagement. They plan to be married Oct. 18. Their parents are Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou Grimm and Jerry and Kathy Ladd of Dunlap.

#### ILLINOIS, ROANOKE

**Edith Sauder - Mae K. Hodel**

Not now, but in the coming years,  
It may be in the better land,  
We'll read the meaning of our  
tears,  
And there, sometime, we'll  
understand.

(Hymns of Zion)

We extend our love and sympathy to the Carl Hodel family. He passed away July 23. His wife, Betty, son, Bro. Charles, daughter, Sis. Doris, and two grandchildren survive. He is also survived by four brothers, Edward, Bros. Alvin, Glen and Ray, and two sisters, Sis. Mae Rocke and Sis. Lena Wiegand.

Bro. Herb and Sis. Susan Hodel welcome their first son, Derek Joseph. Bro. Ben and Ruth Ann Hodel and Bro. Don and Sis. Judy Feller are the grandparents.

We shared the happy wedding day of Janice Martin (Sis. Dorothy Martin and John Martin) and Albert Horner (Mrs. Imogene Horner). Bro. Wendell Gudeman (Francesville) performed the ceremony. We wish them God's blessings as they establish their home in Armington.

Aug. 9, we shared the joy of Jay Leman (Bro. Jim and Sis. Myra) and Teri Kilgus (Bro. Richard and Sis. Jeanette) Elgin, who were united in marriage. May the light of God's love ever shine brightly over them. They will establish their home in Normal.

Bro. Mark Hodel (Bro. Ben and Ruth Ann) and Sis. Pam Moser (Bro. Rod Moser) Oakville, IA, are making their wedding plans. May God grant them much happiness.

Bro. Steve Gutwein (Francesville) and Bro. Vernon Leman were our visiting ministers this month.

Sis. Helen Mangold, Ethel Dorwin, Donna Pfister, Sis. Caroline Schafer, and Sis. Velda Schlipf have been hospital patients this month. We pray that God's heal-

ing hand will grant them a speedy recovery. Little Kara Hodel has also been hospitalized this month.

#### ILLINOIS, TREMONT

**Lydia Rassi - Dorothy Wagenbach**

We were thankful for the visits of ministering Bros. Everett Hari (Bloomington-Normal), Philip Sauder (Cissna Park), and Duane Kilgus (Fairbury). May God always give them the grace and courage to preach the Word in season and out of season

Bro. George Frank has been hospitalized for some time. He had major surgery and is now recuperating. Katie Moser had eye surgery and is convalescing at home. Jimmy Schweigerd (Dan and Connie) was burned on his leg by hot applesauce. Marcia Beutel (Bro. Fred and Sis. Jeanette) hurt a finger in their combine door.

A precious baby girl was born on July 18 to David and Carol Barnard. She was named Tiffany Marie. The grandmothers are Sis. Margaret Frank and Mrs. Sarah Barnard of Carlton.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Janice Sauder received a sweet baby girl, Aug. 11, named Jenny Pauline. She has sisters Carol and Christy to welcome her home. Her grandparents are Bro. David and Sis. Eunice Beutel and Bro. Willis and Sis. Pauline Sauder.

Jay and Julie Hangartner are the happy parents of a baby boy, Benjamin Joseph, born Aug. 4. His grandparents are Jerry and Sis. Melba Hangartner and the late Darrell Petris.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Mike and Sis. Dorothy Meister in the passing of her mother, Sis. Gertrude Hodel of Peoria.

Bros. Wm. Huette and Maurice Schaefer are our newly-elected Sunday School teachers. Bro. Nelson Musselman was chosen to be a trustee. We wish them much grace and guidance from above.

Debbie Beukes, our foreign exchange student from South Africa, is living with Bro. Dan and Sis. Shirley Steiner and family. We wish to welcome her into our midst and hope she enjoys her stay in the States.

We welcome Bob and Doris Baer and Phyllis Holmes as our new brother and sister in the Lord. We pray, for them, a rich portion of God's grace.

ILLINOIS, WASHINGTON  
Valerie Kipfer

THE TEMPEST

We were crowded in the cabin;  
Not a soul would dare to sleep:  
It was midnight on the waters,  
And the storm was on the deep.  
'Tis a fearful thing in winter  
To be shattered by the blast;  
And to hear the rattling trumpet  
Thunder, "Cut away the mast!"  
So we shuddered there in silence,  
For the stoutest held his breath,  
While the hungry sea was roaring  
And the breakers threatened  
death.  
And as thus we sat in darkness,  
Each one busy in his prayers,  
"We are lost!" the captain  
shouted,  
As he staggered down the stairs.  
But his little daughter whispered,  
As she took his icy hand,  
"Isn't God upon the ocean,  
Just the same as on the land?"  
Then we kissed the little maiden,  
And we spoke in better cheer;  
And we anchored safe in harbor  
When the morn was shining  
clear.

Author Unknown

Comparing the poem to our daily walk of life, we must always remember that during the "midnight" of our life—the darkest, trying times—we must become as little children in the eyes of God. Without Him we would be lost, but with His help, we can anchor safely in the dawning of His light.

We are so very thankful for the visiting ministers who have delivered God's Word recently. They are Bros. Rod Huber, Valparaiso; Bill Dotterer, Phoenix; Charles Sauder, Tremont; Eugene Bertsch, Roanoke; and Russel Wuthrich, Pulaski.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Eloise Howell welcome little Arienne into their family circle. Andrew is glad to have a little sister.

Tom and Carol Schick are the new parents of Lindsay, who is welcomed by Jessica and Nathan.

INDIANA, BLUFFTON  
Tami Fiechter - Gayla Baumgartner

We Never Walk Alone

What more can we ask of the  
Saviour  
Than to know we are never alone—

That His mercy and love are  
unfailing  
And He makes all our problems  
His own.

Helen Steiner Rice

These are encouraging words to our hospital patients. They are: Sis. Rose Gerber (Bro. Eli), Cindy Lynch (daughter of Wallace and Sis. Marilyn Leman), Sis. Elizabeth Graber (Bro. Jacob), Bro. Leon Gerber (Sis. Mary Kay), Brad and Jeff Gerber (sons of Bro. Leon and Sis. Mary Kay) Sis. Effie Bertsch (Bro. Herman), Bro. Jack Schwartz (Sis. Diane), Heidi Kaehr (daughter of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Connie), Bro. Jerry Gerber (Sis. Ann), Hilda Steffen (Tobias), Sis. May Strahm (Bro. Aden), Bro. David Reimschisel (Sis. Marjorie), Bro. Amos Reinhard (Sis. Martha), and Bro. Homer Gehring (Sis. Ida).

Bro. Ron and Sis. Linda Kipfer were blessed with a little girl. Erin and Kevin welcome April Michelle into their home.

The Lord brought many visiting ministers into our midst this month. They were Bro. Homer Reineck (Toledo), Elder Bro. Sam Anliker (Lamont), Bro. William Brake (Sardis), Bro. Harry Sutter (Ft. Lauderdale), Bro. Glenn Hackenjos (Altadena), Bro. Ron Heiniger (Bloomington-Normal), Bro. Tim Zimmerman (Gridley, KS), and Bro. Bill Dotterer (Phoenix). May the Lord bless these brothers for their labors of love.

We are thankful that the Lord is still calling souls to repentance. We pray that God's grace will be with them as they begin this heavenly journey.

By the light of God's love and direction, the engagement of Sis. Shari Kaehr (Bro. Charles and Sis. Dorothy) to Bro. Ronn Beer of Milford (Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann) was announced on Aug. 17. They are planning a Nov. 16 wedding.

NOT ME!

When a preacher in a sermon  
Speaks about the world of sin  
And he tries hard to arouse us  
From the lethargy we're in,  
We think, "Oh, I knew they'd get  
it,  
They deserve it, glory be!  
He must mean the other fellow,  
He can't possibly mean me!"

When he speaks about our failings  
And the things we ought to do,  
We gaze at another person  
With a look that says "It's you!"  
If we want to be more Christian,  
It behooves us, it would seem,  
To think more about Christ's  
story

Of the eye, the mote, the beam.  
Ray I. Hoffman

INDIANA, BREMEN  
(See South Bend)

INDIANA, FRANCESVILLE  
Wendy Gutwein - Jacki Huber

SIGHT

Man sees a body struggling with  
pain;  
God sees a spirit growing strong  
again.  
Man sees but weakness;  
God sees new power.  
A saint is learning patience with  
every trying hour.  
Man sees but sickness, counts the  
healing slow.  
God is rejoicing to see a loved one  
grow.  
Man sees days wasted;  
God counts them gain,  
For faith as sweet as childhood is  
growing out of pain.  
Man feels a sorrow rising in his  
breast;  
God in His wisdom leadeth to rest.  
Man sees the present;  
God sees the goal,  
And by seeming bondage is setting  
free the soul.

Author Unknown

Our congregation was saddened by the death of our dear friend, Terry Bucher. Sometimes we don't fully understand God's ways because our human sight is so limited. How comforting to know that His ways are always perfect. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Terry's loving mother, Sis. Carol Bucher, his sister and brother-in-law, Deb and Dawain Davis, and the many other friends and loved ones.

This month, our congregation was blessed by having many visitors with us, as the Fort Sam reunion was held here. Ministering brothers visiting us on that weekend were Bros. Dale Emch from Lamont, KS; Gary Maibach from Rittman, OH; and Don Gudeman from LaCrosse, IN. We were also happy to have Bro. Kenny Dietz

from the Bradford, IL, congregation with us on another blessed Sunday.

Six of our friends and brethren were hospitalized this month. They were Benji Maston, grandson of Bro. Virgil and Sis. Viola Von Tobel, Mark Gutwein, Bros. Joe Yaggie and Jerry Overmeyer, and Sisters Lois Yaggie and Mary Anne Gutwein.

This poem is our prayer for each of three new sets of parents here in Francesville:

God bless the precious little soul  
entrusted to your care,  
God grant your baby many joys  
for all of you to share,  
God fill your home with love and  
faith,  
And in the future, too,  
May He bestow His blessings on  
your little one and you.

Author Unknown

On July 9, a precious bundle was entrusted to the care of Allen and Jan Pelsy. Justin Ryan is heartily welcomed home by one older brother. Bro. Mike and Sis. Melody Gutwein are glad to have a new little face in their home. Two older brothers are also thrilled to watch their tiny new sister, Allison Mae. Isaiah James is the newest addition to Ron and Karen (Bogart) Benakovich's family. He was born on Aug. 2 and also has two older brothers to welcome him home.

#### INDIANA, LA CROSSE

Pearl Nuest - Lu Ann Feller

Two ways, O Man, are there for thee. Both take the same amount of time, but the reward is much different.

We were richly blest from God's Word, expounded to us by ministering Bros. Art Ringger, Indianapolis; Marshall Heinold, Washington; Bill Schlatter, Junction; and Elder Bro. Roy Grimm, Taylor. May God richly bless them for their service of love.

Let those who were dearly  
purchased,

Not become the slaves of man,  
For since Thou hast died to save us,  
Keep us pure, as is Thy plan.

Clean and spotless, true and  
perfect,

After Thy resemblance fair,  
There is grace for all partakers  
Of Thy fullness sweet and rare.

No. 35, Zion's Harp

Bro. Joe Feller spent a few days in the hospital for tests. Bro. Vernon and Melva Bucher express their sincere thanks for the many cards, gifts, and especially for the sincere prayers offered in their behalf during the stay in the hospital and since returning home. It is at times like this that we learn to appreciate how much we need the prayers of those we love.

#### INDIANA, LEO

Mrs. Phil Schlatter  
Mrs. Al Frautschi

If it ever happens that some people should be too tired to give you a smile, why not leave one of yours? For nobody needs a smile so much as one who has no smile to give. (From "Have a Good Day")

Favoring the congregation with visits and ministry were Bros. Rod Huber, Valparaiso, and Roy Wieland, Bay City.

Sis. Bonny Klopfenstein vacationed in Switzerland as an exchange student for about six weeks.

Bro. Phil and Sis. Thelma Schlatter (your reporter) also vacationed in Switzerland.

Bro. Levi Pfister was in the hospital for surgery and is home again, doing very well. He is quite vocal about the fact that he took absolutely no pain killers after the operation.

The young people greatly enjoyed the youth fellowship day at Camp Mack in Milford. Leo was in charge of the afternoon services. Bro. John (Jack) Bollier gave the sermon and Bro. Marvin Stieglitz and son, Bro. Lynn, took charge of the singing.

The following lines were seen in the home of loved ones who had recently lost a beloved one in death:

"Yesterday He helped me,  
Today He did the same;  
How long will this continue?  
Forever! Praise His Name!"  
(Heaven and Home Hour)

Dear Reader, Can't we also say that He helped us yesterday, He is helping today; and we'll trust Him for His help and leading tomorrow. Praise His Name!

**Address Changed? . . Give Old and  
New Address to Your Reporter.**

#### INDIANA, MILFORD

Sandy Beer - Connie Beer

We thank Bro. Roy Weiland, Bay City, and Bro. Willis Ehnle, Japan, for visiting us and in boldness speaking God's Word for our growth and encouragement. They both stressed how we must keep our eyes on Christ who is the theme of our spiritual life.

"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself so to walk, even as he walked." I John 2:6. Christ left many examples for us in His word, and as each day begins, we need to pray that we can know how "to walk as He walked." If we would take the time before speaking or acting to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus have me do?" the answer would be easy. But Satan does not want us to consider Christ's ways and often causes us to fail. May we be stirred each day to give God glory in all of our actions and words.

We are happy that Bro. Don Haab is able to worship in our fellowship again after having back surgery. Sis. Luella Beer (Ezra) fell and broke her hip, requiring surgery. She is still hospitalized. Christy Steffen (Bro. Walt and Sis. Dorothy) was also hospitalized for surgery, but is home again.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Connie Beer are the happy parents of their first child, Shane Russell, born Aug. 3. The grandparents are Bro. Carlton and Sis. Mary Ann Beer and Bro. Rich and Sis. Nola Wuethrich (Francesville).

IF YOU WERE TRIED AS A CHRISTIAN, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO TO CONVICT YOU? author unknown.

#### INDIANA, REMINGTON

Beth Virkler - Annette Bahler

The warmth and love from visiting ministers surely brightens our hearts. With us this month were Elder Bros. Ed Frank (LaCrosse) and Nate Steffen (Elgin) and Bro. Walt Steffen (Milford).

Bro. Scott Steffen (Bro. Ray and Lucille Steffen) brought forth a clear testimony of his faith and was baptized on that faith on Aug. 10. We are thankful to have him with us, serving our Lord.

Our dear, older Sis. Eunice Knochel has been hospitalized once again. I am sure she is looking forward to the sweetness of eternal rest in her Lord. She is a good ex-

ample to all of us. May the Lord's mercy and grace abide with her.

A story is told of a shabby, old gentleman who entered a church at twelve every day, stayed a few minutes, and then left. One day a man stopped him, saying, "Look here, my friend, what are you up to, going into the church every day?" "I go to pray," he replied. "Now come," the man said, "You don't stay long enough to pray." "True enough. I cannot pray a long prayer, but every day I just comes and says, 'Jesus, it's Jim.' Then I waits a minute, then comes away. I guess he hears me though its but a little prayer."

One day Jim was knocked down crossing the street and was laid up in the hospital with a broken leg. Though in much pain, he remained cheerful and gay. The nurses noticed a marked difference in the patients around him; they didn't grumble and complain anymore. "What has happened to all of you?" they asked, "You are such a cheerful lot of patients lately." "It's old Jim," they replied.

A nurse approaching Jim said, "Well, Jim, these men say you are the cause for the change in this ward." "Aye, that I may be, nurse, I can't help it. You see, nurse, it's my visitor. He makes me happy." "Visitor?" she cried, very puzzled indeed. There had never been any visitors by Jim's bed. "When does your visitor come?" "Every day," whispered Jim, his eyes growing brighter, "Yep, every day at twelve, he comes and stands at the foot of my bed. I see Him there, and He smiles at me and says, 'Jim, it's Jesus.'"

(a true story)

Streams in The Desert

### INDIANA, SOUTH BEND

Gayle Bucher

"The peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7.

Our hearts rejoice with Karen Lehman who has found this precious peace. It was announced that her baptism will be in the near future.

On July 27, we held our annual church picnic at the Bremen Sunnyside Park. Our spirits were not dampened by the rainy day. Good fellowship and delicious food were enjoyed by all.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. John Schuch whose brother, Jacob, passed away recently.

All who believe in God's mercy and grace, Will meet their loved ones face to face, Where time is endless and joy unbroken, And only the words of God's love are spoken. Helen Steiner Rice

Bros. Ray Sinn, Walt Rager, and Elmer Schrenk ministered to us this month. May the Lord richly bless them for spending their time and talents with us.

Sis. Ernestine Meister was the victim of a traffic accident. We are thankful the Lord protected her from major injuries.

Sis. Mildred Meister wishes to thank everyone for all their prayers offered and cards and gifts given during her surgery and recovery. She is gaining strength daily, and we hope she will soon be attending our services again.

The family of Jacob Schuch wishes to thank everyone for their sympathy and kindness in the loss of their loved one.

### God's Extras

God could have made the sun to rise

Without such splendor in the skies;

He could have made the sun to set

Without a glory greater yet.

He could have made the corn to grow

Without the sunny, golden glow;  
The fruit without these colors bright,

So pleasant to the taste and sight;

And caused the apple trees to bloom

Without the scent that doth perfume

Those dainty blossoms, pink and white,

That fill our hearts with sheer delight.

He could have made the ocean roll

Without such music for the soul—  
The mighty anthem, loud and strong—

And birds without their clear, sweet song.

The charm of kittens' dainty grace,

The dimples in a baby's face—

All these are "extras" from His hand,  
Whose love we cannot understand.

The God who fashioned flow'rs and trees  
Delights to give us things that please,  
And all His handiwork so fair  
His glory and His love declare.

Yes, He Who made the earth and skies

Gave "extras" for our ears and eyes,

And while my heart with rapture sings,

I thank Him for the "extra things."

Margaret K. Frazer

### INDIANA, VALPARAISO

Mary Huber - Claudia Thomas

Soon fall will be with us, and once again we will see God doing his handiwork through nature. Children will be back in school, and it will be time for the crops to be harvested. As we look over the crops, we can't help but wonder what the outcome will be for the season. This is also true of our spiritual life. Are we bearing fruit, and are we ready for the harvest? We know how we want a full harvest; let's always remember that the Lord does, too.

We were once again blessed with visiting ministers from the La-Crosse church, Bro. Merle Bucher and Bro. Todd Feller. We truly appreciated their visit.

This month, our Sunday School class went on a canoe trip to Turkey Run. It was a very wet and enjoyable trip for everyone involved. We would like to thank the Sunday School teachers for teaching the children the true Word of God. Also this month we hope to go camping with our whole church. We are looking forward to the time of fellowship together. What better way to see God than to be in the presence of all His creations.

### INDIANA, WOLCOTT

Laurel and Kris Widmer

Suzanne Lehman

### Certain Days

Certain days are special  
in life's eternal plan,  
Special in the eyes of God,  
as in the eyes of man.

These days mark beginnings,  
 lessons taught and learned,  
 Milestones reached along life's  
 way,  
 achievements sought and  
 earned.

And there's an extra beauty  
 that sets these days apart  
 And brings a lovely happiness  
 to light the soul and heart.

Karen Raun

Bro. Kurt Rager (Latty) and  
 Sis. Denise Stoller were united in  
 holy matrimony on Aug. 3. We  
 wish them much happiness in their  
 life together. Visiting ministers  
 for this special day were Bro. Ed-  
 win Bahler, Bro. Meryl Laukhoff  
 and Bro. Joe Schrock.

Bro. Sam Furrer spent some  
 time in the hospital, but we hope  
 he will soon be able to assemble  
 with us again.

### Joy

There's no joy on earth  
 Quite so precious to me,  
 And my heart has no greater  
 reward  
 Than the wonderful joy  
 That comes into my heart  
 When I go to the house of the  
 Lord.

Catherine Plumb

Truly, as the poem says, we are  
 filled with joy and thanksgiving  
 when we can go to the house of  
 the Lord and be fed from the  
 living Word. We are a blessed  
 people!

### IOWA, BURLINGTON

#### Judy Gehring - Kim Salek

Bro. Dale Massner was burned  
 when he tried to light a grill. He  
 was hospitalized with second and  
 third degree burns. Bro. Dale, who  
 is our Sunday School superinten-  
 dent, is back in church.

The Burlington Bible Class host-  
 ed the Oakville and Tremont Sun-  
 day School Bible Classes. Our  
 guest speaker in the forenoon was  
 Bro. John Steiner from the Oakville  
 congregation. Bro. Uriel Gehring  
 conducted the Bible classes in the  
 afternoon.

It has been announced that our  
 dear friend, Lucinda Scheitlin, has  
 received peace and is now await-  
 ing baptism. Lord willing, this will  
 take place Sept. 28.

Sunday evening was our month-  
 ly singing. It was well attended.

We had visitors from Lester, West  
 Bend and Oakville.

Our Apostolic Christian Church  
 conference is to be held next week.  
 May we all have a prayer on our  
 heart that the Lord will direct our  
 elders and that they may feel the  
 Lord's presence in their midst.

May the following poem be the  
 wish of all of us.

### My Prayer

Jesus let me walk beside Thee  
 Let me place my hand in Thine;  
 Savior, ever lead and guide me,  
 Let my soul be wholly Thine.

When my steps grow slow and  
 feeble,  
 And dear Lord, on Thee I call,  
 Place Thy loving arms about me,  
 Hold me gently lest I fall.

When my life on earth has ended,  
 And my spirit is set free,  
 Thou, who all the world  
 befriended,  
 Let me come and dwell with Thee.

Let me spend all my tomorrows  
 In that land that Thou has blessed,  
 Where there will be no pain or  
 sorrow,  
 Only comfort, peace and rest.

Let me enter heaven's portals,  
 Master, claim me for Thy own;  
 Let me join the immortals  
 Singing praises 'round Thy throne.

In that shining, golden city  
 Just beyond the crystal sea,  
 Where all is calm, serene and  
 pretty,  
 Let me live eternally.

Richard Blower

### IOWA, ELGIN

#### Eleanor Butikofer

Our aunt, Sis. Ella Gehring,  
 passed away ever so quietly in her  
 sleep a week ago today in the  
 Good Samaritan home in West  
 Union after having been there for  
 only a few days. She had been liv-  
 ing with Sis. Marie Schneider, her  
 niece, for about ten years. When  
 she first came to live there, it was  
 her sister's home (Sis. Elizabeth  
 Schneider). Sis. Elizabeth passed  
 away about three years ago.

Sis. Ella was one of a family of  
 seven children. Her brother, Ro-  
 bert, who lives at Kenmare, ND, is  
 the only survivor of the family.  
 She was born on the 25th day of  
 November, 1890. She was baptized

at quite an early age and was cer-  
 tainly interested in living a Chris-  
 tian life, attending church and  
 reading the Bible regularly. When  
 I was a child, I admired her lovely  
 alto voice. She was part of a real  
 singing family where Grandpa  
 sang bass, Grandma soprano, and  
 Aunt Ella, alto. Uncle Lawrence  
 and Uncle Jake provided the bal-  
 ance of the parts very melodiously.  
 Uncle Issac and Uncle Robert were  
 already following their careers,  
 but I'm sure they too had good  
 voices.

Sis. Ella was very generous, giv-  
 ing of her time by not only caring  
 for Grandpa after Grandma had  
 passed away but by helping others  
 in many ways. Among other  
 things, we will miss her sweet  
 smile and gentle ways. After  
 health had failed her niece, Sis.  
 Marie cared for her very gracious-  
 ly.

As one poet has expressed him-  
 self, "Who in love of nature holds  
 communion with its visible forms  
 it speaks a various language."  
 Author Unknown. When one is  
 rather lonely, it lends a tender ear,  
 and when one feels joyful, there is  
 much in tune, such as birds sing-  
 ing, and much beauty to behold in  
 fields, meadows and forests.

At this moment we can hear  
 the sweet song of a gold finch and  
 the caroling of a cardinal in the  
 distance. I also want to write  
 about a new barn swallow nest  
 which was recently built and  
 which at this point is making a  
 home for baby swallows. They are  
 already beginning to make them-  
 selves heard. By the way, speak-  
 ing of swallows, one day we had  
 fifty perched on our wires in our  
 barn yard. It was quite a spectacle,  
 and there was also a lot of twit-  
 tering. As they circle across our  
 garden in the evenings, we feel  
 they are feasting on night flying  
 insects. May God be praised for  
 His creations and for His great  
 love in providing a plan for our  
 salvation.

Life and death are parts of the  
 same great adventure. Do not fear  
 death and do not shrink from the  
 joy of life.

"Keep my commandments and  
 live. Bind them upon thy fingers,  
 write them upon the table of thine  
 heart." Prov. 7:2, 3.

Bros. Bill Emch from Lamont,  
 KS, and Uriel Gehring were our  
 visiting ministers.

Bro. Paul and Milly Butikofer invited our Sunday School pupils, their parents and whoever wished to come to a picnic that was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Singing followed the lunch.

### IOWA, IOWA CITY

#### Bonita Frank

We plan to partake of communion in the near future and have been reminded of the greatest gift God gave us—His Son, and all that that means. Human minds need to be reminded often of this fact as we do our day to day things. May we always be mindful of how important this is and not stop with the knowledge of His coming. Let's apply His precious blood to our lives, repent and allow Him to convert us.

Sis. Barb Virkler of New York is here in Iowa City in the hospital, and we have appreciated getting to know her. We wish her the Lord's guidance and protection during her stay. We have also enjoyed meeting her mother and others who visit.

Our visiting ministers have been: Bro. Edmund Kloter, Goodfield, IL; Bro. John Steiner, Oakville; Bro. Uriel Gehring, Burlington; and our Elder Bro. Ed Lanz from Oakville. We thank these ministers for their efforts.

We rejoice with Sis. Pam Moser, daughter of Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi, Oakville, whose engagement was announced to Bro. Mark Hodel, son of Bro. Ben and RuthAnne of Roanoke, IL.

We have enjoyed all of our visitors who have stopped through. We appreciate each one for what they share with us.

### IOWA, LESTER

#### Alice Metzger

We have been enjoying our summer visitors who come to worship with us. Several family reunions were held here, and we have had a number of other visitors and travelers. Among them have been ministers who shared the Word with us. We are grateful for the efforts of Bros. Carl Wyss, Washington, Carroll Gerber, Bluffton, Don Wagenbach, Washington, and Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and those who accompanied them.

A little girl, Katie Louise, was born on July 19 to Bro. Verlyn and Sis. Linda Kellenberger. The grandparents are Sis. Karoline

Doorneweerd and Bro. Henry and Sis. Elaine Kellenberger. She is welcomed home by a brother and a sister. Sis. Linda had to return to the hospital, and the baby was cared for by her grandmother for a time. On Aug. 9, two little boys were born. Jeremy Alan was born to Bro. Rolyce and Sis. Lori Scheitlin. He has a brother, and his grandparents are Bro. Dale and Sis. Mary Ellen Knobloch. His paternal grandparents are Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Charity Scheitlin, Oakville. Bro. Mark and Sis. Audrey Metzger became first-time parents with the birth of Scott Matthew. His grandparents are Bro. Freddie and Sis. Esty Metzger and Lou and Tina Moser.

Several have been hospitalized due to illness or accident. They are Bro. Ade Moser, Dave Moser, Bro. Alfred Feucht, Viola Moser, Sis. Linda Kellenberger, Stacey Leuthold, and Sis. Betty Jean Leuthold. May God add His healing touch to each one of them.

We are so happy that Sis. Rose Moser can again assemble with us after breaking her leg in a fall early this year. She is grateful to everyone who remembered her with cards, gifts, visits and prayers. May God bless each one.

### IOWA, OAKVILLE

#### Jerilyn Wagenbach

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov.22:6.

At our annual Sunday School election recently, the following new teachers were chosen: Bros. Bob Siegle, Joe Eberhardt, Jr., and Paul Wagenbach, and Sis. Kathy Wyss. Outgoing teachers are Sis. Susan Gerst, and Bros. Ed Stoller, Ron Schmidgall, and Danny Anliker. The yearly Sunday School picnic was held July 13, with old and young enjoying the food and fellowship.

Sherlyn Holsteen, niece of Bro. Lyle and Sis. Marian Pflum, was married July 12 to Randy Beckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beckman of Sperry. We extend to them our best wishes in their life together.

Ministering Bro. Jon and Sis. Julie Schmidgall are the happy parents of little Brian Jon, born July 26. He is also welcomed by his brother, Mark, and grandparents, Bro. Hartzel and Sis. Marian Schmidgall, and Bro. Bill and Sis.

Leona Wulf of Lester.

We always appreciate the efforts of visiting ministers. Bro. Don Wagenbach, Washington, IL, and Bro. Bruce Leman, Roanoke, IL, were with us on July 27. On Aug. 10, Bro. Paul Butikofer, Elgin, IA, and Bro. Arnie Gerst, Chicago, IL, were here to share God's Word with us.

Sis. Pam Moser (Bro. Rod and Sis. Naomi) is engaged to Bro. Mark Hodel (Bro. Ben and Sis. RuthAnn) of Roanoke, IL. We wish them God's guidance and blessings.

There is comfort in knowing our loved ones have fallen asleep in Jesus. Sis. Mabel Graf of Altadena, CA, recently passed away. We extend our sympathy to her daughter, Sis. Marilyn Wagenbach (Johnny) of Oakville, and her family.

Sis. Edna Wiegand wishes to thank all who sent the lovely cards and gifts for her 85th birthday. She prays that God will bless them all for remembering her.

### IOWA, PULASKI

#### Mary Jane Knapp Ginny Wuthrich

Once again we were blest when several ministers were in our midst. They were Bros. Elmer Witzig, Gridley, IL, Clifford Grimm, West Bend, Frederick Knapp, Congerville, IL, and Elder Bro. Stephen Rinkenberger of Cissna Park, IL.

Our hospital patients were Bro. Albert Wuthrich and Bro. Roger Wuthrich. They are both home now.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich would like to thank all who remembered him with cards and gifts on his 80th birthday.

### IOWA, WEST BEND

#### Elma Mogler - Judy Fehr

Several months ago, Kaye Banwart (Bro. Alvin and Sis. Phyllis) and Steven Meyer (Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois) of Sabetha announced their engagement. We are sorry that it was omitted from our news at that time. They plan to be married on Sept. 6. We wish them God's blessings as they make their plans for their special day.

We are grateful that Bro. Alphai Strahm (Bern) and Bro. Carl Hartman (Sabetha) could be with us the weekend of Aug. 9 and 10. It was a blessed weekend as they

and many other relatives and friends gathered to help Bro. Joe and Sis. Evelyn (Marti) Benninger celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Dick Schmidt has been hospitalized in Rochester, MN. We pray that he may feel the prayers of many for his comfort and strength.

Ron and Caroline Banwart are first-time parents of a son born July 25. He has been named Eric Arthur. His grandparents are Arthur and Madeline Banwart. Little ones are such precious gifts from God.

We thought a few words about the West Bend Care Center might be of interest to our readers. It is relatively small compared to many rest homes, but we feel it is adequate for our community. Being small contributes to the personal touch we feel as we visit there. It holds thirty-nine residents and seems to be full all of the time. It is not a church owned home, but some of the employees are members and friends of our congregation. We appreciate that fact so much. Six of our members reside there at this time: Sis. Minnie Bruellman, Sis. Lillian Fehr, Sis. Rosa Zaugg, Sis. Lydia Rienhart, Sis. Edna Mogler and Bro. Noah Anliker. Niomi Zaugg and Roy Blackburn also reside there.

Our ministers hold church services at the Care Center every fourth Sunday. It truly is appreciated that these dear souls can come and taste and see at least that often, because health does not permit them to assemble as we have the privilege of doing each Sabbath. They listen to tapes, but on those Sundays they miss the fellowship that we so often take for granted. May we always remember to pray for the dear souls who are in the sunset days of life.

When you cheer someone who's blue, it cheers your day a little too.

Unknown

#### JAPAN, SHIODA

Evie Blunier

"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." Psalm 139:9, 10. What wonderful promises are for us in God's precious Word! Surely God kept this promise for our Sis. Jane Weiss as she left her

home and country for three years. Putting her trust in God, she served Him here among our Japanese brethren. She left Japan on July 31 to return to Bay City, MI. The Lord certainly used Sis. Jane here to honor Him and further His Word and work of salvation as she taught in the kindergarten, showed love to the Japanese people, and fellowshiped with the sisters and brothers. Our prayer for her is expressed in Psalms 121:8: "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

Sis. Kathy Klotzle from Altadena, CA, arrived in Japan on July 15. She felt the direction of God to come and continue the work of teaching in the kindergarten. We rejoice that the Lord has given her grace and strength to accept this challenge and pray He will fill her life with joy as she teaches precious children about the true and living God. Our small congregation has already appreciated her love and fellowship during her first month here. Surely, "Anywhere with Jesus can be Home, Sweet Home."

God also opened the way for many visitors to come from America recently. Sis. Vicki Ramseyer from Bay City, MI, visited us for three weeks in July. Sisters Helen Woerner from Washington, IL, and Luann Rocke and Debbie Blunier from Eureka, IL, were traveling companions for Sis. Kathy. We seven American sisters had the privilege of travelling together to Kyushu, the southernmost island of Japan.

On the way, we also spent an unforgettable day in Hiroshima. What a contrast we experienced when we walked through the beautiful Peace Memorial Park and then entered the museum where we grew more and more sickened of the horrors of war as we saw vivid pictures of the results of the first A-bomb explosion. Now 35 years later, the new city has built up around the A-bomb Dome, above which the bomb exploded, killing over 200 thousand people. I left the museum with one overwhelming feeling, "What would eternity in hell be like?"

Also visiting us were Bro. Perry and Sis. Sally Niehouser and Penny, Marty, and Mindy from Francesville, IN. We had many precious hours of fellowship with all of

our visitors, and we pray that God will bless each one for sharing with us. Counting the visitors who attended, we had a total of 50 people at our yearly fellowship meeting (with both churches) which was held on July 27, 28, and 29. How uplifting it was to sing, talk, and study the Word together. The children also had Bible lessons and studied the life of Peter.

It's a special blessing to have Bro. Hisato Inoue from Francesville, IN, back visiting us. During the month of August, we missed the presence of Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, Tom, and Jewel as they travelled in the U.S. Bro. and Sis. Uchida have also been blessed with the opportunity of travelling to California to visit their daughter. We trust God will bring them safely home.

#### JAPAN, TOKYO

Yoshio Yamazaki - Marie Inoue

It is not as hot this summer here in Japan. Certainly it's unusual weather. We heard that some part of the States has terrible hot and pretty many people and animals were killed by heat. We are very sorry for them.

We had very blessed summer fellowship meeting in the mountain side on July 27-29, and really appreciated that God provided us everything which we needed. It was very beautiful place. We had five sisters with Sis. Kathy Klotzle as our guests in this meeting. Themes of this time were (1) "How the end of this world will come" and (2) "What should we believers do today which is near Jesus' coming?"

We bid farewell to Sis. Jane Weiss and thank her for sharing her life with us in the fellowship of our Lord. The same evening at our church supper we welcomed Sis. Kathy Klotzle who replaces Jane. We look forward to many hours of fellowship with her and Sis. Evie. We hope she will feel at home among us and find God's love here. Coming to us from a small assembly, Sis. Kathy is well acquainted with the self sacrifice it often requires of each member to keep the lamps burning. May it be as her mother wrote on her recent birthday card, "Stay close to the Lord; the greater the need, the closer He is."

Bro. Perry and Sis. Sally Niehouser of Francesville, who visited

with their children, also attended summer fellowship meeting as our guests. We had really blessed fellowship with them a few weeks here in our country.

### KANSAS, BERN

#### Esther Moser - Stella Moser

A welcome little joy bundle has arrived. Rebekah Sue was born Aug. 4 to Bro. Galen and Sis. Nancy Rokey. A little brother Aaron, waits to enjoy a playmate. Bro. Melvin and Sis. Florence and Bro. Eli and Sis. Lois Meyer (Sabetha) are the grandparents.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held July 27. The parents and our ministers were the invited guests. This event is always a very enjoyable time for all.

Sis. Lucy Rokey (Bro. Roy) has a broken arm due to a fall in her home.

Sis. Frieda Strahm, 81, passed away on July 14 at the A.C. Home where she was a resident since last November. Frieda was a very quiet, unassuming sister, always in her place in church until several strokes left her unable to get around. She was still always cheerful. Frieda was a daughter of Chris and Theresa Locher Liechti. Survivors include her husband, Bro. Aaron of the A.C. Home, one daughter, Loree Duncan, Independence, MO, one son, Vernon of Leawood, KS, a sister, Bertha Liechti, and five grandchildren.

The following poem seems so timely during these times of unrest, greed, and strikes.

#### If God Should Go On Strike

How good it is that God above  
has never gone on strike  
Because He was not treated fair  
in things He didn't like.  
There isn't once He's given up and  
said, "That's it, I'm through."  
You know He would be justified  
if fairness was the game,  
For no one has been more abused  
or met with more disdain than God.  
And yet He carries on, supplying  
you and me  
With all the favors of His Grace,  
and everything for free.  
Men say they want a better deal,  
and so on strike they go;  
But what a deal we've given God  
to whom all things we owe.  
We don't care whom we hurt to  
gain the things we like;

But what a mess we'd all be in,  
If God should go on strike.

Anon.

### KANSAS, FORT SCOTT

#### Teresa Bahr

How wonderful are the freedom of travel and the modes of transportation that we have. Visiting us one weekend were Elder Bro. Gene Marti and family from Lamar, MO.

Our 94 year old Bro. Emil Banwart was hospitalized for surgery a couple of weeks ago but is now back in his home caring for himself. At this writing, Bro. Fred Sinn is hospitalized. It is our prayer that his health will be restored if it is the Lord's will.

### KANSAS, GRIDLEY

#### Julie Strahm - Doris Bahr

Love, of all gifts, is the greatest which the Spirit does bestow." Zion's Harp, No. 37. The Lamont and Gridley churches were hosts to a young group from Kansas City, Taylor, and Lamar, MO, Oakville, IA, and Ft. Scott and Wichita, KS, for a weekend. We enjoyed their fellowship.

### KANSAS, KIOWA

#### Janice Bahr

"To try to see God is like trying to look at your own eyes, for he is nearer to us than we are to ourselves."

Alan Watts

When I read this thought, its truth and beauty touched my heart, for who but our loving God is just a prayer away? When we simply humble ourselves to plead, "Help me, Lord," or "Forgive me, Lord," or "Fill me and lead me, Lord," He's there—always, un-faillingly gentle in our weakness, and everything in our need. Is it too hard, then, for us, who so easily plead for help, forgiveness, and guidance, to also say everyday, "Thank Thee, blessed Lord, for Thy love, Thy mercy, Thy Grace, just thanks!"?

May the Lord, who hears our every cry, be a constant companion to our loved ones who are in the hospital at the present time and to those who are suffering at home. Those hospitalized are: Bro. George and Sis. Bea Diel, Sis. Esther Miller, and Bro. Jeff Bahr. The hours for a hospital patient, rest home patient, or those at home who are unable to get around much can be-

come awfully long, sometimes. May we, who are blessed with good health, never forget to pray for others who are less fortunate and once in a while just drop in to say a quick "Hi!" It's amazing how short visits brighten a day for someone else.

Recently, we enjoyed the blessed privilege of having Elder Bro. Dale Eisenmann, Chicago, and his lovely family in our midst on the Lord's Day. The messages Bro. Dale expounded on from the Word were deeply appreciated and filled our day with added joy through our wonderful Lord. A supper later in the afternoon at the church ended a truly blessed day.

### KANSAS, LAMONT

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3:1-3.

We felt privileged and blessed to have several visiting ministers this month. They were Bro. Alpha Strahm, Bern, Bro. Tom Leman, Elgin, Bro. Lloyd Kraft, Gridley, and Bro. Dale Eisenman, Chicago. We thank them all for coming and expounding the Word of God to us.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Ed Huber who passed away at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife, Bertha, and one son, Drew, a daughter-in-law, Beverly, and six grandchildren.

We are glad Sis. Hulda Jacobs, Sis. Matilda Emch and Bro. Fred Luthi are able to assemble with us again after being hospitalized.

Lamont and Gridley were co-hosts to a youth fellowship group from Oakville, IA, Taylor, MO, Ft. Scott and Wichita, KS, and Kansas City, MO, on the weekend of July 26 and 27.

Those returning to school at Manhattan after summer vacation are Sis. Mary Lynn and James Wernli (Bro. Ray and Sis. Betty) and Stephen Schrader (Bro. Stephen and Sis. Dorothy).

### KANSAS, SABETHA

#### Clara Steiner - Judy Hartter

Bro. Willis Ehnle and his family from Japan were with us recently for an evening. We enjoyed having



them in our midst and also appreciated the Words of Life spoken by Bro. Willis. May God be with them in their travels in the States and their journey back to their home in Japan. May He also bless their churches in Japan so that they will grow and prosper.

Frank and Julie Krogmann are the parents of a daughter born on Aug. 17. She has been named Rachel Ann and is welcomed home by a brother, Joshua Levi. The grandparents are Sis. Arleta and Bro. Harvey Wenger.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Verna Strahm and Sis. Lydia Wenger.

### MICHIGAN, BAY CITY

Patsy Bragiell - Linda Ramseyer

"... a man ... built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it; for it was founded upon a rock." Luke 6:48. In such a way, may the teachings of Christ, brought to us by ministering servants, become a steadfast anchor in our Lord and His Word. Visiting ministering Bros. Gary Maibach, Rittman; Ernest Graf, Akron; and Homer Reineck, Toledo, were greatly welcomed for their labors in Bay City during the past month.

Cindy Virkler (Elder Bro. Andrew and Sis. Maxine) and Sis. Leanore Knochel (Bro. Norman) were both hospitalized for a short time. Thankfully, both are home and recovering well.

Haste and Seek Your Soul's Salvation! After their search for peace, it was announced that Gloria Schafer, Donald Knochel (both Sis. Doris Knochel) and Kim Andrzejewski (Norm and Sis. Linda) have found it. We sincerely wish them the best in carrying out this blessed newness of life.

The Sunday School children from the junior and senior Bible class enjoyed an educational weekend in Chicago. Organized by the Sunday School teachers, they took three days to enjoy some activities that normally are not found in our area. They had the opportunity of taking an Amtrac train ride, riding subways, and buses, and visiting the museum. On Sunday, brothers from the Chicago church picked up the group of about twenty eight and took them to church for the

day. We thank the Chicago church for the hospitality so generously given to all who participated.

### MICHIGAN, DETROIT

Nella Varga

We are so thankful to God that he has, through his travelling mercies, led our dear Elder Bro. Ben Maibach and his family home from their trip to Europe.

We very much enjoyed having Elder Bro. Willis Ehnle, Japan, visit and share the precious Word with us. May God richly bless him during his visit to the United States.

There was much joy on Aug. 3 when the engagement of Sis. Vera Varga (Bro. Steve and Sis. Joanne Varga) and Bro. Russell Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn Manz) of Junction, OH, was announced.

It is ever so joyful when we learn that souls have found the right road to follow. Our dear friends Keith Gudeman and George Popp have found enough grace to turn to God in repentance. Keith is the son of Sis. Ruth Gudeman and George is the husband of Sis. Helen Popp.

Recently, we were reminded in Matt. 24:4-7 of the signs of the end times, where Jesus says, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. There is evidence all around us that these words have come to pass.

Friends and troubled souls who are yet without, are you ready to meet the Lord?

### MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS

Carol Virkler

Our congregation has again been blessed with visiting ministers. With us on July 27 were Bros. Floyd Schmidgall (Morris) and Carl Wyss (Washington). On Aug. 10, Bros. Vernon Leman (Eureka) and Joe Stoller (Princeville) brought us God's precious Word. We thank all of these dear brothers for their labors of love.

We rejoice that Lance Nelson has found the peace of God in his heart and wishes to be baptized in the near future.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held after church on Aug. 10 at the country home of Bro. Don and Sis. Bernadine Miller. A potluck supper and cook-out was enjoyed by all.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sis. Viola Aupperle upon the passing of her son Frederick, 35, on Aug. 10. May God comfort and bless Sis. Viola and her family.

There's One who knows why you are sad,

There's One who cares for you—  
Just look to Him, and trust in Him,  
And He will see you through.

He knows your loss and sorrow,  
He hears your prayer above—  
Each day He freely gives to you  
The strength of His great love.

J. Harold Gwynne

### MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Jan Schock - Pam Sutter

Hand in hand may love bind our dear Sis. Frances Domnick to Bro. Amos Funk of Gridley. While missing Frances in Morris, we hope she'll be as much a blessing in Gridley.

We've enjoyed many visitors this month including ministering Bros. Tom Leman, Bob Grimm, Ken Lawson, Carl Wyss, Elmer Witzig, Carroll Gerber, and Ben Wysong.

Our hearts share the grief and sorrow in the loss of dear Bro. Ervin Moser. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Madonna, and two daughters, Sis. Bonnie Nohl and Sis. Sharon Lawson. May they all find comfort from the promises in His Word.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Bro. Harv and Sis. Wilda Koehl in the death of their infant daughter, Peggy Jo. We believe she is safe in the arms of Jesus, and what a joyful reunion heaven will be!

Hospitalized this month were Sisters Connie Nuest and Eunice Koehl.

Two sweet girls were born this month. Ted and Wanda Gramm welcome their first, Lindsey Anne. The grandparents are Bro. Harold and Sis. Ida and the Harold Charles'. Bro. Dale and Sis. Rachel Zeltwanger are thankful for Rosie D. Adam, Micah, Dixie, Carrie and grandparents, Bro. Ken and Sis.

Edna and Bro. Charles and Sis. Martha Rinkenberger, welcome her too.

Life is all a Pilgrim's Way, the way the Christian trods, through pain, despair, and hardship to the Kingdom of his God. So many things lie hidden to ensnare you as you go—Self-pity, Fear, and Vanity. These things will overthrow your happy hopes, and all the splendid things you meant to do, and blot out of your sight the shining goal you had in view. So plod along, good pilgrim, plod along, good pilgrim, plod along the stony road. Don't waste your time in grumbling—every man must bear his load. For every misspent moment there will be a price to pay for opportunities we've missed along the Pilgrim's way.

It matters not if we be clad in rags or finery. Beneath the tatters and the gems the eye of God can see. Man looks upon the outward form, deceived by every art; but God, discerning motives, can look down into the heart.

—Patience Strong

#### MINNESOTA, WINTHROP

**Carol Messner - Mary Lou Schmidt**  
"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1. It has been announced that two dear souls have made peace with their God and fellow man. They are Brenda (Rick) Messner, daughter-in-law of Bill and Marilyn, and Lance Nelson, son of Al and Sis. Donnabell.

After a short vacation, Sunday School has started for another season. Special prayers go out to our teachers as they implant the Word of God in the dear and tender hearts of our children—the church of tomorrow.

Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger and Sis. Della were here for mid-week services. Bro. Clarence Yackley, Phoenix, gave us much food for thought in his exhortation to us on the Sunday before the wedding. We are always thankful for the dear brethren who lend themselves to minister to us. The love and fellowship of these dear brethren and other visitors at Winthrop this summer will long be remembered in our hearts.

On Aug. 17, Sis. Linda Messner was united in marriage to Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix. "This

God-made union then shall never more be broken. Where two join hand and heart, we find a three-fold cord, not lightly rent apart." "Zion's Harp." Visiting ministers here for the day were Bro. Floyd Schmidgall, Morris, Bro. Loren Stahm, Gridley, KS, and Bro. Noah Miller, Minneapolis. While we are happy for Sis. Linda, we are sorry to see her leave. We wish them both God's blessings as they begin their new life together in Phoenix.

Also united in marriage this month were Dennis Schmidt, son of Bro. Darrel and Sis. Darlene, and Susan Seamann, daughter of the Kenneth Seamanns of Arlington. We wish them God's blessings and many years together.

Brian and Roberta Dapper are the new parents of a precious baby son, Nathan Allen. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Ernie and Sis. Marcelle Dapper

Our oldest brother-in-faith, George Messner, was hospitalized for knee surgery. He is home and doing fine. Sis. Bernadine (Ray) Messner was hospitalized for observation. Bro. Ray Messner will undergo tests in Rochester this week. Our thoughts and prayers are always with him.

Vernon Lehman of the World Relief Organization called our brethren stating the Mennonites in Menomonie, WI, needed help. Five brothers from this area spent one day there helping. Bros. Carl Miller, Connie Messerli, James Messner, Ernie Dapper, and LeRoy Messner were dispatched to a farm 18 miles away. All day long, they cut down trees which had fallen on a pasture fence. The man whom they helped had recently suffered a heart attack. The family appreciated the work done for them and hoped someday they could return the favor to other needy people. They mentioned that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Some of the Minneapolis brethren lended a helping hand there, too.

Many of our congregation feel there is a blessing helping others by attending our monthly sewing meeting held at church. Even some of the men are coming and are able to help with some of the various projects.

#### MISSOURI, LAMAR

**Vera Luthi - Elaine Braker**  
"That which we have seen and

heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." I John 1:3.

We are thankful for the freedom which we have in the country in which we live. Others can travel and vacation in our area and are able to assemble with us so that we can fellowship one with another.

On July 27, Bro. Raymond Banwart (Fort Scott) was with us to bring forth God's holy Word. We thank Bro. Raymond for his inspiring messages.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Judy Braker became first-time parents as they were blessed with a bundle from heaven. On July 30, little Carol Sue was born. Her grandparents are Bro. Raymond and Sis. LuEtta Braker and Bro. Gerald and Sis. Velma Leman from Eureka.

Jonathan and Ulista Banwart are anxiously waiting at home for their little sister Venetta Ruth to come and live with them. Venetta was born to Bro. Alfred and Sis. Charlotte Banwart on Aug. 19. The grandparents are Sis. Caroline Banwart, Bro. Amos and Sis. Ruth Meyer from Fairbury.

#### MISSOURI, TAYLOR

**Loida Hodel - Stephanie Gerber**

"A kind word often does more good than a large gift and doesn't cost anything!"

(Daily Bread)

It's the little things we do and say  
That mean so much as we go our way.  
A kindly deed can lift a load  
From weary shoulders on the road.  
Or a gentle word, like a summer rain,  
May soothe some heart and banish pain.  
What joy and gladness often springs  
From just the simple little things.  
(Anon.)

Ministering Bro. Jim Byrd and family from Roanoke, IL, spent July 26, 27 with us. Sharing his recent experience with the serious burn accident he encountered was inspiring to all. We are glad God has seen fit to restore health to the extent that he can continue to be used in His ministry. We think him for coming.

Hospital patients this month

were Sis. Lois (Bro. James) Sutter, tests and x-rays; David Foote, accident; Bro. Steve Kiefaber, medical; and Sis. Emma Dee (Bro. Robert) Hoerr, surgical. We are thankful that all are home again.

But rather seek ye the Kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." St. Luke 12:31 We are so happy that Richard Sutter (ministering Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marj) has surrendered his life to the Lord. With His help and grace, he can be a living witness and example to all that God still performs miracles in this modern age.

"There is a treasure you can own  
That's greater than a crown or  
throne;

A conscience good with which to  
live,

That only God, Himself can give."

Isenhour

The Ft. Sam Reunion was held here on Aug. 3 with approximately 37 families present. Old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made. May the love and memories that were shared continue until the day when there will be that "Great Reunion" in heaven. Among the visitors that day were ministering Bros. Ben Wysong, Sabetha, KS, Max Reimschisel, Wichita, KS, Charles Sauder, Tremont, IL, Don Gudeman, LaCrosse, IN, John Steiner, Oakville, IA, and Duane Metzger, West Bend, IA. We thank them for the messages shared. May God bless them and their families.

We welcome the Gudemans, Bro. Dan and Sis. Becky (Weuthrich) and children from Francesville, IN, who will be part of our "Little White Church on the Levee" while they are employed and residing in St. Louis, MO.

A little sunbeam, Andrew Jonathan, has been added to the family of Bro. Ron and Sis. Christy Joos. Eugene, Tamara and Jennifer are patiently waiting to get acquainted. Bro. Bob and Sis. Lorene Joos of Peoria and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slinkard are the grandparents.

"The narrow way is plenty wide  
for those who love the Lord."

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New Address to Your Reporter.**

### NEW JERSEY, UNION CITY PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA Ed Aeschleman

Bro. and Sis. John and Kathy Clough are new parents for the 5th time—a baby girl born Saturday, Aug. 9. Her name is Faith Joan. Faith has two brothers and two sisters. May God grant this loving family every blessing.

On July 27, we were fortunate to have Elder Bro. Steve Rinkenberg of Cissna Park visit us in Philadelphia. We were richly blessed with the wholesome Word of God and a day of good fellowship with Bro. Steve, his family, and many visitors from several churches. July 27 was also the last Sunday that Bro. Roger Gasser could spend with us after having been with us throughout the summer giving unselfishly of his time to work on our new church. We wish Bro. Roger God's grace and much success as he begins his work as a teacher when school starts this fall.

### NEW YORK, CROGHAN Alice Virkler

We were richly reminded of our duties and obligations during this lifetime and our heavenly reward after this life when visiting ministering brothers proclaimed the Holy Word. Bro. Larry Wenninger from Latty was in our midst on Wednesday evening, July 30. We assembled in the Naumburg church. He reminded us that if we do not ask for the Holy Spirit to be in our presence, we will not receive a blessing. On Sunday, Aug. 10, Bro. Ray Sinn from Latty ministered the Word in its truth and purity. We wish to thank these brothers and their families for sharing their love with us.

Our annual meeting was held on July 31. May the Lord richly bless our efforts and be a guide to those who have been elected to offices for the coming year.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was enjoyed by all on Saturday, Aug. 9. It was held at Happy Hollow Campgrounds.

Hospital patients the past month have been Betty Richie, Donald Petzoldt, Sis. Pam Herzig and Bro. Ted Virkler, Sr. Sis. Barb Virkler remains a patient at the University of Iowa Hospital, Iowa City.

The family of Sis. Lydia Virkler

wishes to thank everyone for prayers and visits while she was a resident in the Extended Care Facility and also for all deeds of kindness rendered at the time of her passing from this life.

### NEW YORK, NAUMBURG Rachel Snyder

We were pleased to have Bro. Larry Wenninger of Latty, OH, with us on Wednesday evening, July 3. Also, on Aug. 10, Bro. Ray Sinn of Latty spent Sunday with us. They gave us many good teachings. May God bless them for their efforts and always be with them and us.

### OHIO, AKRON Carolyn Miller

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bro. Don Manz from Junction, on July 20, and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker from Lamont, KS, on Aug. 5.

We are sorry to report that several in our midst have been hospitalized. Sis. Connie Frautschi, Sis. Evelyn Walker, and Bro. Duane Collins were hospitalized for surgery. Bro. Richard Messner, Sis. Marie Schick, Bro. Charles Novotny, and Sis. Anna VonGunten are still in the hospital as of this writing. We can always be thankful for the confidence and assurance that the Lord is always near those who must suffer and that He will see them through their illness.

We all rejoice with our ministering Bro. Paul Gasser in his marriage on August 10 to Sis. Joyce Huber of the Fairbury, IL, congregation. We all gladly welcome Sis. Joyce into our assembly and wish them God's blessings as they start their life together.

### OHIO, JUNCTION Lester Manz

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

Bro. Russell Manz and Sis. Vera Varga have seen this Scripture fulfilled in their lives. Having repented and given their lives over to Him. He has many times provided for their needs, and now He has provided that they could become engaged and make plans for marriage. Bro. Russell is the son of Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn and Sis. Vera is the daughter of Bro. Steve

and Sis. Joanne from the Detroit congregation.

We welcome Bro. Roger Gasser who has accepted a teaching job in our area. Bro. Roger comes to us from the Akron congregation.

Sis. Frieda Manz wants to thank each of you who remembered her on her birthday with cards and gifts. Although she will not be able to thank each one personally, your kind deeds and thoughts are certainly appreciated.

### OHIO, LATTY

Cheryl Wenninger - Susie Sinn  
MY PRAYER

For strength to do Thy blessed will,  
To see the good and not the ill,  
My heart with love for others fill,  
Dear Lord, I pray.

To give my all to Thee, my best,  
O, make me strong for every test,  
Wait patiently in Thee and rest,  
Dear Lord, I pray.

To go where Thou wouldst have  
me go,  
Exalted be or humbled low,  
Thy love to others, O help me show,  
Dear Lord, I pray.

Then at the setting of the sun,  
With this day's work forever done,  
May victory in my life be won,  
Dear Lord, I pray.  
Mary Kathryn Mattern

On Aug. 3, Bro. Glen Hackenjos (Altadena, CA) ministered to us. We pray that God will always give our ministering brethren the necessary grace to rely fully upon the Holy Spirit.

Our hospital patients this month were Sis. Louise Rager (Bro. Carl) and Michael Keysor (Bro. George and Sis. Sharon). We are thankful that they can again assemble with us.

The Lord has blessed the home of Todd and Sis. Pam Stoller with the arrival of Heidi Jo. The grandparents are Bro. Russell and Sis. Melvene Stoller and Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber (Rittman).

Summer Lyn has brought joy into the home of Bro. Mark and Sis. Shirley Stoller. Welcoming her are Steffenie and Gabriel and grandparents Bro. Louis and Sis. Mildred Stoller and Bro. Walter and Sis. Dorothy Steffen (Milford). May the Lord give these parents the necessary wisdom and

grace to rear these little ones to love and serve Him.

On Aug. 3, some of us were privileged to witness the marriage vows of Bro. Curt Rager (Bill and Sis. Elsie) and Sis. Denise Stoller (Bro. Richard and Sis. Viola Stoller), Wolcott. We welcome Sis. Denise to our Latty congregation and pray that the Lord will be the unseen guest in their home.

Our young group enjoyed the fellowship of the Roanoke, Princeville, and Bradford young group for two weekends in August. This wonderful fellowship is truly a blessing of our precious faith. May we always appreciate this privilege.

This is the wish I always wish,  
The prayer I always pray:  
Lord, may my life help other lives  
It touches on life's way.  
—Anon.

### OHIO, MANSFIELD

Lucille Groh

"And God said, this is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Gen. 8:12-13. What a wonderful promise. Doesn't the rainbow just thrill you as you gaze into the sky after a summer storm? There, shining so beautifully, is God's promise, reminding us of His love and mercy. We saw a rainbow just recently, and it reminded me that a minister once mentioned this same passage of scripture and then referred to another rainbow, the one mentioned in Revelation 4:3: "And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and sardine stone: and there was a rainbow around the throne in sight like an emerald." The jasper stone, he said, is clear, representing Jesus, and the sardine stone is blood red, representing Jesus' blood. The rainbow around the throne stands for mercy, and all who come to the mercy throne and give their hearts to Jesus will find peace and pardon. However, further in Revelation (20:11-15) the great white throne is mentioned with no mention of a rainbow or mercy, but only the blazing white of the holiness of God almighty.

Come to the throne of grace,  
Boldly draw near;  
He who would win the race  
Must tarry here.  
What e'er thy want may be  
Here is the grace for thee—  
Jesus thy only plea, Come Christian come.

Henry Burton

During a recent severe electrical storm, Sis. Katherine Beer escaped serious injury when she felt the shock of lightning while she was working in her kitchen. She still has a sore arm and chest from the incident. We are thankful she is still with us to tell about it.

Youth Day was enjoyed by many on July 27. Although the weather was very wet, it did not dampen the spirit of all who attended. A special thanks to those who labored to make this day so memorable. Bros. Bill Gerst (Alto), Hartzell Kisner (Detroit), Larry Wenninger (Latty), and Pete Baltic (Mansfield) proclaimed the wonderful Word of Life to us that day.

July 20 was another day of God's blessings when Bro. Aaron Stephen (Alto) visited our community.

The Lord has been so good to us this past month and again blessed us on Aug. 10 when our new brother in Christ, Leonard Dolce, was added to the family of God. We rejoice with him and wish him much grace as he serves his Lord each day. Bros. Rudolph Graf and Joseph Ramsier were here for this wonderful occasion. Leonard is the son of Mildred Dolce.

Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katie Sauder recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. We wish them much grace and continued blessings from our Heavenly Father as they share their lives together in their golden years serving their blessed Lord and each other.

August 12 was an eventful day in the lives of Bro. Ron and Sis. Kay Rufener when they became the parents of their first child, a son named Mark Wayne. Bro. Wayne and Sis. Nina Rufener and Bro. Karl and Sis. Ruth Beery are the new grandparents.

Loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Mrs. Walter Witschi in the great loss of her mother, Mrs. Schaff.

There's a rainbow of love  
That is pointing above,

Look ye weary and lone and sad;  
O this glory is sweet  
Bringing rapture complete,  
Precious rainbow of promise  
That is making us glad.

Author unknown

### OHIO, RITTMAN

Florence Hartzler - Janette Blough

We sing from the Zion's Harp, hymn 43: "A Christian now baptised, to me much grace is given. Why was this granted me? That I with Christ am risen! This is the holy aim; He who does this neglect cannot truthfully claim, I'm one of God's elect." These words were so fitting to sing after the baptism of five dear friends on Aug. 2. The new lambs of the flock are Sis. Deanna Arnold, Sis. Donna Walder, Bro. Allen Bauman, Bro. Joe Dotterer, and Bro. Tom Jenkins. We rejoice with them and pray they will remember these next words to the above song: "O grant me now Thy grace that I, with true devotion, may ever by Thee stand, though stormy be life's ocean; and with Thy blessing Lord, may I in faith remain, and to that kingdom come where peace shall ever reign." We especially want to thank Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont, KS, as he assisted Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Joe Ramsier with this important work. We also want to thank our other brethren for their visits the same day, for bringing us the word of life. We want to thank Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, and Bro. Walder, Congerville.

We were pleasantly surprised on Wednesday evening with a visit from Bro. Ken Schneider, Remington, as a blessing was received in listening to the Word from God brought to us through His needy servants.

After spending several weeks in the hospital following surgery, our dear Sis. Francis Hafely could lay her burden down and is now at rest in the Lord. Our sympathy is extended to the family, son Arthur, and to her daughters, Grace Riethmiller and Doretta Lucas, and to her many friends.

The funeral of Bro. Edward Beery, who passed away after a week's illness was held on Thursday, Aug. 7. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Yvonne, his brothers, Howard and Bro. Melvin, and his sisters, Marie Winzler and Sis. Ruth Beery. "Therefore

rest thou calmly here, rest serenely in the gloaming, where all cares are laid aside." Zion's Harp, hymn 104.

Many friends and relatives gathered together on Sunday, July 20, for the wedding of Sis. Mary Steiner and Bro. Tim Maibach. We pray the Lord will bless them as they walk this path of life together. The parents are Bro. Alvin and Sis. Eldora Steiner, and Bro. Alpha and Sis. Helen Maibach.

On Aug. 16, the wedding of LuAnn Young and Mike Musser was held in the Fellowship Hall. May they be blessed with many happy years together. LuAnn's folks are Bill and Sis. Donna Young.

The Lord is still calling souls from darkness into the light, and we are ever joyful to hear of even one that turns his back on the world. We rejoice with Ben Gasser and his family that he is seeking the better way. His parents are Bro. Glen and Sis. Liz Gasser.

We are sorry we missed a birth in the June issue, and we want to mention now the birth of a son to Bro. Fred and Sis. Mary Gasser. He is named Ryan Mitchel. One sister, Tiffany, is glad for a new brother, and his grandparents are Bro. Mitchel and Sis. Violet Baltic, and Bro. Bob and Sis. Neva Gasser. Clint Andrew is the new son born to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Nancy Dotterer. At home to welcome him are Lori and Jason. The grandmas and grandpas are Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer and Bro. Harvey and Sis. Velma Ifft, Forrest. A daughter, Jill Kristen, was born to Annette and Ken Lorentz. Chad and Cheree are glad for a new sister. The grandparents are Bro. Ernest and Sis. Rowene Howell. Sue and Dave Plahuta are first-time parents with the arrival of Michelle Elizabeth, and first-time grandparents are Don and Clara Jenkins. We pray the Lord will bless these families with their precious bundles. Bro. Karl and Sis. Ruth Beery have a new grandson, Mark Wayne, born to Sis. Kay and Bro. Ron Rufener. Sis. Mary Ellen Gerber has a new granddaughter with the arrival of Heidi Jo, born to Sis. Pam and Todd Stoller.

It is wonderful to know that though troubles assail and dangers affright, yet one thing secures us, whatever betide, this promise assures us, the Lord will provide,

and those who needed hospital care can tell us this. In for surgery was Sis. Louise Spangler and Shelly Riggenbach. Sis. Martha Beery and Sis. Eva VanNostern were in for a few days, and we are thankful they can be home again. There isn't much we can do to ease the suffering of those that are ill, but we can pray for them, and we are told to pray for those in need. "Then let us pray in every place and station! Have we no words to tell of our emotion? Our sighs will come before His throne of glory to tell our story." Zion's Harp, hymn 235.

Holy love, bright flame from heaven . . . and this love has shown in the hearts of Sis. Beverly Emch and Bro. Jeffrey Hartzler, as their engagement was announced. The parents are Bro. Dave and Sis. Eileen Emch and Bro. John, Jr., and Sis. Joan Hartzler. May the Lord bless them as they make their plans for the future.

### OHIO, SARDIS Joyce Indermuhle

For our last Bible School evening, Bro. Ben Manz from Junction, OH, spoke to us on offenses. We must all follow the teaching given to us in Acts 24:16, "And I herein do exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men." May God bless Bro. Ben and his family for spending the weekend with us. The following week, the children sang the new songs they learned in Bible School and showed us some of their projects they made. It is a true blessing to be able to watch these children from year to year and see them grow in love for God.

I read an article in the newspaper about parents helping their children off to a new and good start in school this fall. As that time is almost here again, it made me realize that not only do our children need help in their public school work, but they need help in learning to live their lives for the Lord. One of these tips for parents was to make sure our children have a special time and place at home in which to study. We also need to set aside a time each day when we can get together and study God's Word.

Another tip was to provide children with a map to help them

locate their home, school, and other community places. So often we hear that our map to heaven is the Bible. Children really enjoy having a Bible storybook or Bible all of their own.

The article also said that parents should discuss with their children the role of the teacher and stress that the teacher is there to help. How beautiful it is to be able to talk to our children about the role of our Almighty Teacher, Jesus.

May we as parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles never neglect our duty to teach those children around us about the way of salvation.

### OREGON, SILVERTON

**Andy and Mary Jane Winkler**

Where else can a person go to receive something free and yet worth so very much except in God's house? Where else can we receive such warm fellowship and concern as we have when we are with God's children?

Our small flock was privileged to have several visiting ministers and elders this month. They were Bros. Earl Gerber and Clarence Kachelmuss (Forrest, IL), Bro. Walter Anliker (Eureka, IL), Bros. Garth Steffen and Robert Miller (Portland), and Elder Bro. Leo Moser (Lester, IA). We thank them for their love and concern. May God bless each one.

We were also privileged to have a special visitor this month, Bro. David Metz (Morton, IL). Bro. David is confined to a wheelchair but still found courage and strength to visit us. Bro. David surely gives us, who are healthy and are able to get around, many reasons to be thankful for our health. He accepts his cross and is a good light and example for our Lord.

We rejoice with Bro. Gus and Sis. Dorothy Dietrich in that little Rose Ann has come to their home to stay and become part of their family. We wish them God's blessings. May we, as parents, never forget our responsibility to teach and show our children, with God's help, the road to heaven.

### PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA

(See New Jersey, Union City)

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New Address to Your Reporter.**

### TEXAS, ZAPATA

**Margery Koehl**

We enjoyed the Aug. 3rd visit of Bob and Buelah Sauder from San Antonio and Bro. Jim Lang who is formerly from Tremont, IL. At present, Bro. Jim is working in Dallas.

We are thankful to report that Zapata came through Hurricane Allen with little or no damage and received some much needed rain. Yes, we are thankful to our dear Lord for our many blessings.

The three essentials for happiness are: something to do, someone to love, something to hope for.

Our saving hope is all in vain,  
If here our love should cease,  
For in the man of Galilee,  
We find the gift of peace.

'Tis not the babe, but Christ, the  
man,  
Who walked in Galilee;  
'Tis not the manger, but the cross  
That sets the spirit free.

Bro. Henry Beer

### Sermon . . .

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me, a nobody, a lost sinner, just a little speck, a little nothing. But God loved me!

God cares for each person. We are all lost sinners without Jesus. I used to think, "Well, I don't believe I could really live a Christian life. I don't believe I could do all the things that Christians are supposed to do, and I certainly don't want to be a hypocrite." The world is filled with hypocrites today, with people who pretend. If anybody here today is a hypocrite, the Word says: "Woe unto you." Matthew 23: 13, 14, 15.

If you are a backbiter or if your life is filled with envy, hate, malice or any of the many things that ought not to be there, it's time for you to spend some hours in prayer. Confess your faults and make right that which is wrong. Don't wait until you stand before the Lord. It's going to be too late then.

When I repented, it was hard for me to stop some of the things that were wrong. But, by the grace of God, I was able to stop some of

it. It's a continuing process as we go through life fighting the devil. He comes at us in so many ways. He usually attacks us in what would be considered our weaknesses.

Each of us has a weakness, haven't we? You know what yours is and I know what mine is. We know what sins we are most vulnerable to. But remember this: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Lots of you today are young Christians. It thrills my heart to see teenagers turning to the Lord. I was not a teenager; I was in my twenties. I know that you go through some troublesome times but the Lord always blesses you, doesn't He? He always lifts you up and the knowledge that you lack today will come with age, with experience, and with examples that are set before you by older sisters and brothers.

As we grow older, we must face our responsibilities to set these examples. We must make sure that we are on the Solid Rock, and not on sand. It is very important to have a good foundation. Without a good foundation the building does fall, doesn't it?

There is nothing greater in all the world, than the love of God. There is nothing more precious than the love of God. That love is the bond of all perfection.

People are trying to be happy today in many different ways. That's what we all want, don't we? We long to be happy. Why is it then, that hospitals are filled with people who have nervous breakdowns? Why do so many people take sedatives of one kind or another? Why? The reasons vary and there are many, but usually it is because of failure to put trust and faith in God.

Recently, a lady who works where I do came to me and asked my opinion about a particular doctor in Athens, Dr. Penington is his name. I'm sure he'd be glad for me to mention his name this morning. She said that when she went to him, he checked her and

then laid his instruments down and said, "How do you stand with the Lord? Are you a Christian?" This was a shock to her. She couldn't believe that the doctor would ask her that.

It is a rather long story, but to make it short, she wanted to know what I thought about a doctor's giving advise on spiritual matters. He told her that what she needed more than anything else was to get her life straightened out spiritually. He had apparently found this out during their conversation.

Within the next few days, I was in the hospital and met Dr. Penington in the hall. I stopped him and thanked him for taking the time to talk to this person. In the next half hour or so, I got to know him pretty well because he told me how he treats his patients. He says that the biggest thing wrong with people today, in addition to actual body ailments, is simply their nerves and tension. He said that people must learn to release the tension that builds up. The nervous system, he says, must be relaxed. I am inclined to agree with him.

We don't spend enough time in prayer. We don't pray enough. We don't try hard enough to get closer to God. We come to church on Sunday and perhaps you come on Wednesday night. I hope you do . . . I encourage you to . . . I challenge you to take time on Wednesday night to come to church.

Read your Bibles. The Word says that we ought to study. Study the Word. Listen to the Word as it is preached. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

If somebody asks you, "What do I need to do to become a Christian?" what do you answer? What do you reply? Sometimes it is very hard to know what to say, but God expects us to let our lights shine. He expects us to "do unto others as we would have others do unto us." That is often referred to as "The Golden Rule." "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.

Many people helped and encouraged me in so many ways to become a Christian. We, as God's people, should encourage others.

There is probably somebody here in this building, this hour, who would not go to heaven if he should die.

Sometimes we hesitate to talk about death. But death is real, isn't it? It's something that is coming to each one of us. We ought to welcome it with open arms because it is a blessing to leave this sinful world and go to be with the Lord, is it not? We should rejoice, really! Of course it leaves an empty place in our midst when a loved one is gone. But it is such a joy to go to be with the Lord!"

So, I ask you this morning to give yourself a challenge by simply asking yourself the most important question you'll ever think about: "If I died today, where would I spend eternity?" What does the blood of Jesus Christ mean to you? Do you ever take the time when you pray, to envision the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, hanging on Calvary's cross and shedding His precious blood as He gave His life for you? And for me! And for every person in the entire world!

One night many years ago I woke from a dream in kind of a cold sweat. I had been dreaming about the Lord when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane. We had been reading and studying about how He prayed and His sweat became drops of blood. (Luke 22:44). What anguish He must have gone through! He didn't want to die; we can believe that. He prayed three times for the cup of death to be removed from Him, but He added, "nevertheless not my will but thine, be done." Luke 22:42. "Not My own will, but Your will," He prayed to God.

Many times we are indifferent and selfish. Many times we express our feelings, saying what we like and what we don't like. What we ought to do is live with the attitude: "Lord, here I am. Take me, use me and do with me whatever You choose. Take me, Lord, mold me and make me. Help me to be whatever You want me to be.

Indifference and pride can be the downfall of man. Pride should be very limited in all of our lives. The disciples once asked Jesus: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Matt. 18:1. His reply was that whoever was hum-

ble would be the greatest.

Why do you think God wants each of us to be a servant? When we are all servants, we are all equal, aren't we? That's what we are. We are all servants of God and we are all equal. God cares just as much for the white person as He does for the black, and vice versa. He cares just as much for the rich as He does for the poor, and vice versa. We read this very simple message in the first few verses of this chapter.

How simple the plan of salvation is! Why do people make it so complicated when it is so simple? The love of God. Is there anything in the world more simple than love? Love is a universal language. There are many places I have never been or may never go, but I am confident that wherever I might be in this world, I would understand the language of love.

Many of us have animals. Maybe you've got a little dog. Did you ever watch how that little dog wags its tail? That little dog can't speak to you, but if that little tail is wagging, that little dog is saying, "I love you." Kind of foolish? Well, maybe. But it is real.

Did you ever look into the eyes of a baby? A little innocent baby—those pretty eyes. They look at you and they stare straight at you; their eyes don't water, they don't blink, and they don't get nervous. Lots of people can't look you straight in the eye. They have to look away or their eyes will water or they will blink. Why is that? Because there has been some measure of sin in all of our lives. But there is no sin in the life of that little baby. To look into the eyes of an innocent baby is a wonderful thing. The word says that we all must become humble, as a little child, if we are to inherit the kingdom of God.

"Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." Luke 6:36. Love your enemies. Do Good. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

May God bless the Word that we have read together this morning. This was quite a lengthy reading and I encourage you to read it again. Study it. Go over it. Search out the deep meaning which is here that we've certainly not touched upon this morning. May the Lord bless you.

## SERMON BY ELDER BRO. LAVOYD MOORE OF ATHENS, AL

Reading: Luke 6:20-49

This chapter in St. Luke's gospel is long, but it is filled with many teachings that are precious, teachings which are easy to understand but so simple that perhaps we fail to grasp them.

We are instructed to examine our own lives and to judge ourselves. Perhaps one of the hardest things to do is simply to be honest with ourselves, to look into the "mirror" and face reality.

Too many people in the world today rush around so fast that they forget how to be happy. I appreciated last night, so very much, being with a number of you, and sharing the joy and fellowship which we had together. I wish each person here could have been with us last night. There is nothing more precious than fellowship. As we wait for our Lord to come back, we need each other; we need the strength and the help of our brothers and sisters in faith. It's awfully easy to be neglectful.

I recently read an article in a Detroit newspaper about an elderly man who fell. (Maybe some of you read this). The man fell, apparently hitting his head, and was hurt badly. He lay there for about fifteen minutes or so, and people walked around him. Some actually stepped over him, but nobody stopped to help. No one wanted to get involved. Finally, a person did stop and in the next several minutes an ambulance was called; but the man died before he arrived at the hospital.

Can we imagine people actually stepping over an injured person lying on a sidewalk? Stepping around a person who is hurt? Because they don't want to get involved? We think that's terrible, and it is.

But, perhaps we do things that are even worse. We step around and over somebody who is dying spiritually. The world is filled with people who are dying spiritually.

Do we ignore those people? Are

we afraid to get involved with those people? Are we? Do we let our love-light shine? How bright is the beam that is being radiated from you and me? How far out does it reach? What do people see when they look at us? When they hear us? What kind of testimony do we give in our daily lives? What kind of words do we speak? What attitude do we express?

The Word says: "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you . . . pray for them which despitefully use you." Luke 6:27, 28. This is not easy. It's not easy because we are weak. "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:41.

It's been about twenty years—in fact it was in 1960—when I first met an individual who was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Prior to that, I knew nothing of our faith. As I think back, I ask myself today, "What was it?" What was it that made me interested? How did it come to be that I am a member of this church today? It's really very simple. Somebody cared. Somebody let his love-light shine. Somebody did more than just speak a few words. It's one thing to speak words; it's another thing to live accordingly. The Word says: "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

One of my favorite verses tells us: "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." Romans 14:22.

Let me ask you some questions this morning. Is there anything in your life which you are allowing that you don't feel good about? Is it wrong? Is it sinful? Do you ever find yourself saying words that are harsh? Do you ever say something and then, almost immediately, realize that it was wrong and wish you had not said it? If you experience that feeling, perhaps it is good. But if you speak words that are harsh, if you speak words that are wrong, and you feel no

guilt or sorrow, then what is wrong? In the life of God's people, there cannot be sinful attitudes.

I cannot fully put into words the feeling, the joy and the happiness, of becoming a Christian. As we worship God this morning, I know that many of you are much older than I am, and you could tell me more about living for the Lord than I have ever experienced. But, perhaps there is someone here who would have to admit that he is not ready to meet the Lord.

People talk about the end of the world. People talk about the end of life. From the time we are born, as each day goes by, we are all slowly dying, aren't we? We are all getting closer to the time when we will meet the Lord.

Frequently I pray that the Lord will come back soon. Oftentimes it is hard to wait when the stresses of life and the troubles of the world are pressed upon us. Then, just when we think we can't bear any more, the Lord takes over. It's a comfort to know and to believe without doubt that God will not put upon any of us a greater burden than we can withstand.

Before I became a Christian, as I said, I knew nothing of our faith. I knew nothing of many things that I am aware of today. Nevertheless, I became a Christian. How did it happen? It happened by faith. It happened because of love, the love of God as He reached down and touched me. He touched my heart and He made me realize what sin really was.

Until you realize what sin is, you won't be a Christian. Until you experience the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, you're not a Christian. The Spirit of God bears witness with your spirit when you become a child of God.

There are many things in my life for which I am thankful. Right on top of the list is the love of God. I am thankful that God loved

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